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A New Helicopter Learning Hub for ITE

One of the key aspects of collaboration with Eurocopter South East Asia Pte Ltd

Students from the *Nitec* in Aerospace Technology and *Nitec* in Aerospace Avionics courses at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) will soon experience fruitful hands-on learning at the new **ITE Helicopter Learning Hub**, thanks to a new collaboration between ITE and Eurocopter South East Asia Pte Ltd (ESEA).

2 The collaboration was officially sealed when both ITE and ESEA signed two Memoranda of Understanding on **Friday 5 February 2010** at the Changi Exhibition Centre, in conjunction with Singapore Airshow 2010. The collaboration aims to train and develop ITE students in the field of Rotorcraft and Avionics, in addition to enhancing staff expertise and providing for mutual sharing of best practices in technology and pedagogy related to the field.

Benefits of the ITE-ESEA MOUs

3 The two five-year ITE-ESEA MOUs will provide the following benefits: Student attachment to ESEA's local and overseas hangar facilities; local and overseas staff attachment and training; provision of support by ESEA to ITE's Helicopter Maintenance Learning Hub; joint review of ITE curricula on helicopter-related modules; and sharing of facilities and resources for training and development.

4 The ITE-ESEA MOU on Student Industrial Attachment was signed between ESEA, Eurocopter Philippines and ITE while the ITE-ESEA MOU on Training in Rotorcraft and Avionics was signed between ESEA and ITE. Dr Bernhard Brenner, President of ESEA, was ESEA's signatory for both MOUs. Mr Heng Guan Teck, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Academic), represented ITE and Mr Phillip Ng, Vice President Finance, represented Eurocopter Philippines.

5 ITE and ESEA have been collaborating in ITE's aerospace courses since 2006 in the areas of staff and student industrial attachments and provision of aircraft parts and components. To date, a total of 25 students have completed their six-month attachments with ESEA. Currently, one ITE staff and 9 students are on industrial attachments with the company.

Publicity on Collaboration

6 Members of the Media are invited to publicise the collaboration between ITE and ESEA.

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About ITE

The **Institute of Technical Education (ITE)**, Singapore, was established as a post-secondary education institution in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and principal authority in developing national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its "**One ITE System, Three Colleges**" Model of Education, ITE governs three Colleges, comprising **ITE College Central, ITE College East** and **ITE College West**.