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Our forecast shows the Middle East will account for 11% of global air traffic by 2030. One main factor accounting for this growth is geography: the region acts as a prime "connector of inter-regional traffic", as it sits at a point within only one long-haul flight away from 87% of the world's population. Parallel to this growth is a need for manpower and skilled talent.

'How to meet the growing talent need' was a key point raised at the recently held Air Arabia's Arab Aviation and Media Summit. The summit panellists agreed that a greater emphasis on providing people with the necessary skills and training is required. The panel urged educators to work on equipping the younger generation with the right knowledge.

Airbus works closely with the youth across the world and in the Middle East to inspire them to pursue careers in aviation. We also have an extensive international network of pilot training centres. In this issue we highlight Airbus pilot training activities in the region.

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SPOTLIGHT

Arab Aviation and Media Summit 2012

At the end of April and for the second year, Air Arabia has organised and hosted the unique regional event - 'The Arab Aviation and Media Summit' - which saw the participation of academic, business and media delegations from across the Middle East region. This year's summit titled 'Mobility in the Middle East' addressed current issues related to the commercial aviation industry.

The summit's delegates discussed the continued growth of the Arab aviation industry and its certain contributions to the overall economic development and growth in the respective countries. This growth is coupled with shortage of talent challenges as it is becoming crucial to put greater emphasis on manpower and the development of skilled and trained professionals in the aviation industry.



The delegates also debated Open Skies policy across the region and how it will help create a level playing field for all airlines. Oil price fluctuation was another hot topic as it continues to pose challenges for airlines in the region. On the other hand, the delegates agreed that increased privatisation and competition between airlines would help improve profitability and growth.



Did you know?

An A380 takes off or lands every 10 minutes

Airbus Middle East CAE Training Centre

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) predicts that more than 980,000 pilots are expected to be needed by 2030, which comes to roughly 52,500 required to be trained each year worldwide to meet the demand. Such large numbers provide a huge logistical challenge for the aviation industry in all parts of world. Here in Dubai, Airbus Middle East has already invested in tackling this challenge with a dedicated pilot training team.

The Airbus Training team, one of the three main sections of Airbus Middle East's operations in the region, is based at the Emirates Airline Aviation College. Their primary role is to train the pilots of airlines that operate Airbus aircraft.

"Having a dedicated team here in Dubai, specifically for the region, is an important value-added service," says Aws AlQemlas, Head of Training & Flight Operations Support

and Services. "Our goal is to provide the best quality training while offering flexibility and cost-effectiveness to our customer base."

Recently, the increased need for pilot training has also led to a need for more simulators, which means a need for more space. With new premises Airbus Middle East will benefit from a much larger presence and will allow us to focus not only on A320, but also the upcoming A350 XWB.

To read more on Airbus training centre in Middle East, please visit www.airbus.com.



Airbus and Etihad Airways begin full RNP-AR implementation in Abu Dhabi Terminal Airspace.



Airbus, EADS EFW and ST Aerospace finalise agreement for A330P2F conversion programme.



Deliveries this month:

- Air Arabia A320
- Middle East Airlines A320
- Qatar Airways A320
- Royal Jordanian A320