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Republic Polytechnic Partners Jetstar Asia to Nurture Skilled Professionals in the Aviation Industry.

Collaboration agreement is the first ever between the carrier and an institute of higher learning and will provide students with industry-relevant experience

Singapore, 9 May 2013 – Republic Polytechnic (RP), one of Singapore’s leading tertiary institutions, and Jetstar Asia today signed a three-year collaboration agreement aimed at nurturing potential aviation professionals, equipping them with industry-relevant knowledge and valuable opportunities to develop their skills.

Under the agreement, Jetstar Asia will offer regular internship opportunities for RP students. The highlight of this agreement is that students from the Diploma in Civil Aviation get to fly as fully fledged members of the Jetstar cabin crew for 20 weeks of their internship period to various destinations. In addition, Jetstar Asia will also offer attachments in roles such as airline management, engineering and flight operations. RP students who complete the internship will also be considered for full-time employment by Jetstar Asia.

The agreement will also see RP students undertake final year projects defined by Jetstar Asia, with the airline’s staff on hand to act as co-supervisors to provide guidance. The projects will be aimed at tackling industry-relevant issues centred around flight operations, crew resource management and engineering cost decisions. These projects will also be reviewed for real world adoption by Jetstar Asia.

“Republic Polytechnic’s collaboration agreement with Jetstar Asia will give our students the opportunity to gain valuable experience and hands-on knowledge at one of the fastest growing airlines in Asia. Apart from final year projects in engineering and flight operations, our students will also be delighted at the unique opportunity to fly as crew members under the internship programme. The skills and capabilities that they will acquire from this partnership will position them strongly for employment opportunities in the aviation sector upon graduation,” said **Mr Yeo Li Pheow, Principal/CEO, Republic Polytechnic.**

“Jetstar Asia is one of the largest value-based carriers in Singapore with a network of 23 destinations across 13 countries and territories, and more than 500 weekly flights. As we continue to grow and carry more passengers, we are always looking for skilled talent to join our young and vibrant workforce. With nearly nine years of operation and more than 1,000 team members in Singapore, we can offer students under this collaboration agreement with Republic Polytechnic an enhanced learning experience within the vibrant aviation industry. This partnership is an excellent platform to groom and nurture local aviation professionals, at the same time deepen the competitiveness of Singapore’s workforce,” said **Mr Barathan Pasupathi, CEO, Jetstar Asia.**

About Jetstar Asia Airways

Jetstar Asia first took to the skies in December 2004. In 2005, Singapore carrier Valuair became the sister airline of Jetstar Asia, focusing on destinations within Indonesia. Jetstar Asia and Valuair currently operate more than 500 weekly return flights to 23 destinations across 13 countries and territories in the Asia Pacific region.

About Jetstar Group

The Jetstar Group is the Asia Pacific's fastest growing group of airlines and is the largest low fares network in Asia Pacific. The Group is made up of Jetstar Airways in Australia and New Zealand, Jetstar Asia, Jetstar Pacific in Vietnam, Jetstar Japan in Japan and from 2013 (subject to regulatory approval) Jetstar Hong Kong. The Jetstar Group operates up to 3,000 flights a week to around 60 destinations and carried more than 20 million people in FY12.

For bookings and more information, visit www.jetstar.com

About Republic Polytechnic

The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage Problem-Based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and two academic centres offering thirty-seven diplomas in Infocomm, Engineering, Applied Science, Technology for the Arts, Sports, Health & Leisure, Events and Hospitality, Enterprise, and Communication.

Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving skills and lifelong learning opportunities. Its holistic, broad-based curriculum, covering culture, enterprise development and cognitive processes, prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society.

Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence and has achieved various international and national accreditations, including ISO9001, ISO14001, OHSAS 18001, SS540, Singapore Quality Class, People Developer, Innovation Class, and Service Class.

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