



# ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES GROUP IS INAUGURATING ITS NEW AVIATION ACADEMY

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In line with its vision 2025 strategic road map, Ethiopian Airlines Group has invested USD 100 million in breakthrough expansion and upgrading its Aviation Academy. The scale and scope of the expansion seals the Academy's position as the largest and the finest Aviation Academy in Africa with annual intake capacity of 4,000 students.

The new Ethiopian Aviation Academy has many class room buildings. The Technical block is housing the Pilot Training School and the Aviation Maintenance Training School; while the Commercial and Leadership block accommodates the Inflight Services Training School, Commercial and Ground Services School and Leadership School. It also has separate Administration building, workshops, auditorium, students' dormitory and large cafeteria. As an ATO (Authorized Training Organization), the B-777, B-787, B- 737, B-767/757 and the Q-400 full flight simulators which enables the academy to offer full type rating trainings for pilots.

Currently, the academy has the best aviation training technology like full range of fleet cabin emergency, evacuation and door trainers fitted with standard swimming pool for cabin crew ditching exercises and more than 20 pilot training aircraft, the finest expertise, dedicated and

experienced instructors and a perfect environment for students.

Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Group CEO of Ethiopian said, “Education is the greatest equalizer in today’s global village. We are proud to be in a position to avail the latest and next generation aviation technology training machines and facilities where we can train the continent’s youth and prepare them for the 21st century African Aviation development. The Ethiopian Aviation Academy is positioning itself to be the catalyst leader in aviation training technology in supporting the African Union to realize its vision 2063”.

Ethiopian Airlines, the largest and most profitable airline in Africa, is continuously expanding rapidly in the development of most departments. The New Cargo Terminal, expected to be operational towards the end of 2016, will have an annual storage, for both dry and perishable goods, of 1.2 million tons with capacity to handle eight B747- 800 freighters at any one time. Construction of just the first phase will cost about a total of US\$ 150 million.

A four star hotel construction is a further development taking place at Ethiopian Airlines. The hotel, to be built on 40,000sqm located in front of Millennium Hall on Bole Road, will be operational in 24 months.

The academy a full ICAO TRINNAIR PLUS member has been accredited by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) as Authorized Training Center (ATC) was also recognized as Airline Training Services Provider of the Year in 2014 by AFRAA. It is certified by the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority, the U.S Federal Aviation Administration, the European Aviation Safety Agency and IOSA(International Air transport Association (IATA).

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