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CHINESE STUDENTS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE IN PRO PILOT PROGRAM

Denton, TX – Of the 104 Chinese students sent to the United States for professional pilot training, all of them are ahead of schedule. They were given a year to complete the program at US Flight Academy and it appears that the first group of 16 students, which all have their IFR ratings, will be headed home in September, two months early. When they leave the country, they will have logged about 250 hours, completed their Commercial and Multi engine ratings along with the ATP written exam. Their final 20 hours of flying will include 10 hours of C-90 King Air simulator time and 10 hours of actual flying in a C-90.

The second group of students is just about finished with their Private Pilot licenses and has started in on IFR. A third group is about to complete their first solo flights and group four is in ground school. All are achieving their goals ahead of schedule and so far only one student out of all the groups is experiencing serious difficulties.

“These kids were selected from a huge pool in China,” said Jim Tardi, Director of Training for the US Flight Academy. “They are very bright, highly motivated and totally committed to completing the program. They’re not

afraid of intense work and long hours. They're very supportive of each other and when you realize that none of them had even ridden in a four-place aircraft before they came over here, it's all the more remarkable."

In addition to the Chinese groups, the US Flight Academy provides advanced flight training for a large contingency of students from India and a significant number of Americans. They also offer Sport Pilot training and Private licenses for local people.

For more information visit www.usflightacademy.com.

PHOTO CAPTION: Chinese students have been highly successful in mastering the skills required of a professional pilot. This shows a little over half the class with one of their CFIs in front of the C-90 they're using.

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