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NOTE FROM THE GLOBAL CHAIRMAN CAPTAIN WISSAM MEHYOU



The first quarter sets the altitude for the year.
In Q1, we don't just plan; we execute, we refine, and we take off
with clarity of purpose.

Every hour flown, every lesson delivered, and every goal
achieved now defines the strength of our entire 2026 journey.

Captain Wissam Mehyou,
Global Chairman, Intercontinental Aviation Academy

ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Journal

Strategic Presence at MRO Middle East

FlyIAA Global proudly participated in MRO Middle East, one of the region's most significant aviation gatherings, bringing together airlines, MRO providers, manufacturers, and aviation leaders from across the world.

During the event, executives from Intercontinental Aviation Enterprise (IAE) and FlyIAA held a strategic meeting with representatives connected to the Mohammed Bin Rashid Aerospace Hub, including CEO Tannoon Saif.

Discussions focused on identifying the optimal location for relocating FlyIAA's headquarters, positioning the academy at the heart of the region's aviation future. The move aligns with our long-term growth strategy, global expansion plans, and our commitment to maintaining our position as one of the world's leading aviation academies.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA United Arab Emirates

Strengthening Partnership with Diamond Aircraft Industries

FlyIAA UAE welcomed Diamond Aircraft's Head of Civil Aircraft Sales, Anton Chirkovski, to our Sharjah base. The visit included a comprehensive tour of our facilities, operational infrastructure, and expansion sites, followed by high-level strategic meetings with the Academy's executive leadership.

This engagement reflects the strength of the partnership between FlyIAA and Diamond Aircraft and reinforces our role as a key regional training partner within Diamond's global ecosystem.





ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA United Arab Emirates

February 1 – Induction Day

FlyIAA UAE proudly hosted its Induction Day ceremony, where new cadets officially began their aviation journey and received their wings. The event featured inspiring speeches from industry leaders, including Mr. Issam Sultan, Ms. Mervat Sultan, and Captain Wissam Mehyou, Global Chairman of FlyIAA. The ceremony marked not just the start of training, but the beginning of a professional commitment to excellence, discipline, and leadership in aviation.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Lebanon

Induction Day – February 28

FlyIAA Lebanon will host its upcoming Induction Day at Raouché Arjaan by Rotana, welcoming aspiring pilots, families, and aviation enthusiasts.

Attendees had the opportunity to meet professional pilots, experience flight simulators, and explore aviation career pathways in an interactive environment designed to inspire the next generation of aviators.

In addition, FlyIAA Lebanon conducted several school visits throughout the month, informing and motivating students about aviation careers, global opportunities, and the pathway to becoming professional pilots. These outreach initiatives reflect our commitment to building awareness and nurturing future talent from an early stage.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Cyprus

Fleet Expansion with New Diamond DA40

FlyIAA Cyprus continues to strengthen its training capabilities with the arrival of an additional Diamond DA40 at its Larnaca base. The aircraft is part of a broader fleet expansion initiative that will see multiple aircraft delivered throughout the year as part of the Academy's global modernization strategy.

Recognized as one of the most advanced single-engine training aircraft in aviation, the DA40 offers outstanding safety performance, modern avionics, and exceptional fuel efficiency. Its airline-oriented cockpit environment supports FlyIAA's mission of preparing cadets for professional airline operations from the earliest stages of training.

The new aircraft increases training capacity in Cyprus while maintaining the Academy's strict standards for safety, quality, and operational excellence. Additional aircraft deliveries are already planned for 2026, supporting FlyIAA's Vision 2030 strategy to operate one of the most modern and standardized training fleets in the region.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Adam Ashour
Reaching New Heights

Congratulations to Adam Ashour, who has successfully completed all nine PPL (Private Pilot License) subject exams! This achievement marks a significant milestone in Adam's journey toward becoming a professional pilot, demonstrating dedication, discipline, and a strong grasp of aviation theory.

The next exciting phase of training awaits: Adam's first solo flight. This moment is a rite of passage for every pilot, a test of skill, confidence, and focus, and we are confident that Adam is ready to take to the skies.

FlyIAA celebrates your hard work and determination, Adam. The cockpit is calling, and your journey has only just begun!



INSTRUCTOR INSIGHTS

Mental and Emotional Fitness: The Foundation of a Professional Pilot

Success in aviation is not built on technical knowledge alone. It is built on mental discipline, emotional control, and personal balance. As instructors, we often remind cadets that becoming a professional pilot requires just as much psychological strength as it does skill in the cockpit.

Sleep Is Non-Negotiable

Fatigue is one of the most underestimated threats in aviation. Lack of sleep directly affects memory retention, reaction time, and decision-making, all critical in flight training. Protect your sleep schedule, even on weekends. Consistency builds performance, and performance builds safety.

Expect — and Manage — Failure

Every pilot will experience bad landings, difficult simulator sessions, or even failed exams. What matters is not the mistake, but the response. Approach setbacks analytically, not emotionally. Take ownership, identify what went wrong, correct it, and move forward. Professional growth comes from resilience.

Don't Compare Your Journey

Flight training is not a race. One cadet may solo at 10 hours, another at 15. Progress depends on many variables, learning style, confidence, preparation, and experience. Comparing yourself to others only distracts from your own development. Focus on consistent improvement.



INSTRUCTOR INSIGHTS

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Stay Grounded Outside the Cockpit

Aviation training is demanding and high-stakes. To avoid burnout, maintain balance. Keep hobbies. Spend time with family and friends. Physical activity, social connection, and time away from aviation are not distractions. They are essential to long-term success.

A strong pilot is not only technically competent but mentally steady, emotionally disciplined, and balanced in life. Master your mindset, and the flying will follow.

FLIGHT SCIENCE & INNOVATION

Phenom 300 Series Tops Global Light Jet Market for 14th Year

For the 14th consecutive year, Embraer's Phenom 300 series has retained its crown as the world's best-selling light jet, according to the latest figures from the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA). The aircraft also led as the most delivered twin-engine jet for the sixth consecutive year, underlining its enduring popularity among private and business aviation customers.

In 2025, Embraer delivered 72 Phenom 300 series jets, contributing to a total of 155 Executive Aviation deliveries—the highest annual figure this decade. With over 900 Phenom 300s in service worldwide across 70 countries and more than 2.9 million flight hours, the series continues to set the benchmark for performance, technology, and comfort in the light jet segment.

Performance and Features

The Phenom 300E is the fastest light jet in production, cruising at Mach 0.80 and offering a five-seat range of 2,010 nautical miles (3,724 km) with NBAA IFR reserves. Its advanced Prodigy Touch Flight Deck includes the industry-first Runway Overrun Awareness and Alerting System (ROAAS), autothrottle, Synthetic Vision System, Emergency Descent Mode, and more. The jet also brings cabin technology from larger aircraft, including single-point refueling, airstair access, and an externally serviced lavatory.

Designed with comfort and utility in mind, the cabin features large windows, a spacious baggage compartment, optimized temperature zones, and a premium entertainment system, making it ideal for both business and personal travel.



FLIGHT SCIENCE & INNOVATION

Phenom 300 Series Tops Global Light Jet Market for 14th Year

Beyond the light jet market, Embraer's Praetor family also showed strong performance in 2025, with 69 deliveries, helping Executive Aviation reach record annual totals and surpass 400 aircraft delivered in the Praetor program.

About Embraer Executive Jets

With over 56 years of aerospace engineering excellence, Embraer delivers business jets combining performance, technology, and comfort. Its portfolio includes the Phenom 100EX, Phenom 300E, and the midsize Praetor 500 and 600, all supported by a globally recognized customer service network.

The Phenom 300E's continued dominance reinforces Embraer's leadership in the light jet market, offering unmatched reliability, efficiency, and innovation for private and business aviation customers worldwide.

Source: aeromorning.com/en/phenom-300-series-dominates-global-light-jet-market-for-14th-consecutive-years/



INDUSTRY TRENDS & GLOBAL AVIATION OUTLOOK

Bahrain Unveils National Aviation Strategy (2026–2027)

The Kingdom of Bahrain has announced a new National Aviation Strategy for 2026–2027, outlining policies and development plans to strengthen its civil aviation sector and boost its contribution to the national economy.

Speaking on 15 February 2026, Transport and Telecommunications Minister Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa confirmed the strategy supports long-term growth and aligns with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

The framework was developed through collaboration between government authorities and private industry stakeholders, aiming to connect regulation, operations, and infrastructure planning into a unified aviation ecosystem that meets international standards.

Key objectives include expanding the role of Bahrain International Airport across commercial aviation, private aviation, logistics, and maintenance services. The plan targets an increase in air connectivity from 66 destinations to 100 by 2030, along with economic and employment growth.

Implementation focuses on three main pillars:

- strengthened safety and regulatory governance
- enhanced operational aviation services
- investment in infrastructure, sustainability, and workforce development

Overall, the strategy positions Bahrain to grow as a regional aviation hub while supporting long-term economic diversification.

FEATURED ARTICLE

Flydubai Moves Dubai–Riyadh Flights to Terminal 5

Starting 25 February 2026, all flydubai flights between Dubai International Airport and King Khalid International Airport will operate from Riyadh’s newly opened Terminal 5.

The final departures from Terminal 3 will be early morning services, after which the afternoon rotation will inaugurate operations at the new facility. Designed for low-cost carriers, Terminal 5 can handle up to 12 million passengers annually and includes biometric e-gates, self-service kiosks, and dedicated narrow-body aircraft stands.

The move is expected to shorten connection times, particularly for travelers connecting to Saudia and partner airlines. The Dubai–Riyadh route remains one of flydubai’s busiest business corridors, linking UAE commercial hubs with Saudi Arabia’s growing tech and corporate sectors.

Passengers should review updated booking confirmations and transport access details, as ground services and lounge access will differ from Terminal 3.

Source: visahq.com/news/2026-02-15/ae/flydubai-to-move-all-dubai-riyadh-flights-to-riyadhs-new-terminal-5-on-25-february-2026/

WORLD AVIATION NEWS

MRO Updates (10 February 2026)

AJW Group & Sun PhuQuoc Airways

AJW Group signed a Power-by-the-Hour (PBH) and Main Base Kit support agreement covering six A321 aircraft. The deal supports the carrier's launch operations and planned expansion across Asia from 2026.

Air Premia & Lufthansa Technik

A 10-year maintenance agreement will provide component repair, overhaul, and spare support for Air Premia's Boeing 787-9 fleet, strengthening reliability and operational efficiency.

GE Aerospace

Opened a new module repair facility at Seletar Aerospace Park in Singapore to support LEAP-1A/1B engine turbine repairs, improving turnaround times for airlines across Asia-Pacific and the Middle East.

ST Engineering & Xiamen Airlines

Signed a multi-year engine overhaul agreement covering LEAP-1A performance restoration shop visits, continuing a partnership spanning more than 35 years.



WORLD AVIATION NEWS

MRO Updates (10 February 2026)

Dedienne Aerospace

Expanded tooling support services in Singapore and Malaysia to meet rising Southeast Asian traffic and improve maintenance readiness.

Airbus & Thai Airways International

Extended their Flight Hour Services (FHS) agreement to include the airline's A321neo fleet, providing component support and improving fleet availability and cost predictability.

Source: asianaviation.com/mro-news-in-brief-10-february-2026/ and practical phases.

FLYIAA COURSE

Type Rating – Step Into the Airline Cockpit

After completing your ATPL theory, the next milestone in becoming an airline pilot is earning your Type Rating, the certification that qualifies you to operate a specific aircraft. At FlyIAA, the Type Rating program bridges the gap between training and real airline operations, transforming pilots into aircraft-specific professionals ready for the flight deck.

Program Overview

Next Intake: May 2026

Duration: 8 Weeks

Location: UAE (Sharjah Campus)

Delivered in a professional airline-style environment, the course combines advanced simulator sessions with modern classroom instruction in accordance with international aviation standards. With experienced instructors, world-class facilities, flexible scheduling, and 24/7 support, trainees graduate prepared to operate commercial aircraft confidently and safely.

What You'll Learn

The program focuses on practical airline readiness — not just theory.



FLYIAA COURSE

Type Rating – Step Into the Airline Cockpit

Aircraft Systems & Operations

- In-depth study of aircraft systems and procedures for your chosen type
- Application of real airline standard operating procedures

Full-Flight Simulator Training

Training is conducted on certified Airbus and Boeing simulators, including:

- Airbus A320-200 / A320 CEO & NEO
- Boeing 737 Classic & 737 NG
- Boeing 747-400

Operational Training

- Normal and non-normal procedures
- Multi-Crew Cooperation (MCC) integration
- Professional cockpit environment and crew coordination

By the end of the course, pilots develop the decision-making, communication, and handling skills expected in real airline operations.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Are You Ready to Take Flight? Understanding FlyIAA Enrollment Requirements

Becoming a professional pilot starts with meeting a few essential criteria. At FlyIAA, we ensure every cadet is prepared academically, medically, and linguistically for the demands of aviation training.

Age Matters: You must be at least 17 years old to begin your journey toward the skies.

Education Counts: A high school diploma or equivalent is required, along with proficiency in English, the universal language of aviation. Strong language skills are critical for safety, communication, and successful training.

Health & Skills Check: All aspiring pilots must pass a Class 1 Medical examination to confirm fitness for flying. In addition, candidates are evaluated through FlyIAA's entrance exams, designed to ensure readiness for the rigorous training ahead.

Meeting these requirements is your first step toward an exciting aviation career. With dedication, preparation, and the right support, the sky is truly the limit!



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VIDEO FEATURE





UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



FlyIAA UAE Open & Induction Day
April 4, 2026



Aero Friedrichsaffen
April 22-26, 2026



RESOURCES & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



First Officer A320
(Dammam | KSA)



Pilot Cadet
B737 MAX
(Dubai | UAE)



First Officer
Global Express
(Dubai | UAE)



Flight Instructor
SR-20/22
(Dubai | UAE)



Theoretical
Knowledge Instructor
Various Aircraft
(Qatar | Doha)



Theoretical
Knowledge Instructor
Various Jet Aircraft
(Sharjah | UAE)

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life? Aviation combined all the elements I loved.

Charles Lindbergh



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