

Eurocopter delivers Beijing Capital Helicopter's first EC135 P2+ helicopter

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Beijing Capital Helicopter has expanded its Eurocopter-built rotorcraft inventory with the addition of a VIP-configured EC135 P2+ for passenger transport, tourism and emergency medical services operations.

A ceremony was held on January 15th in Beijing, where the President of Beijing Capital Helicopter, Mr. Xu Li Dong, accepted the Eurocopter EC135 P2+. Beijing Capital Helicopter will begin operating the new helicopter during the upcoming Lunar New Year holidays, offering aerial tours over selected tourist attractions.

This brand new light, twin-engine helicopter joins Beijing Capital Helicopter's current fleet of five Eurocopter AS350 B3 Squirrels. Incidentally, they are the largest operator of this helicopter type in China.

"Beijing Capital Helicopter has played an important role in developing China's business aviation sector, and the addition of its EC135 P2+ will further enhance the company's ability to grow with the market," said Norbert Ducrot, Senior Executive Vice President for Asia Pacific.

The EC135 is a multi-purpose helicopter with an advanced design and state-of-the-art technology. Following today's delivery to Beijing Capital Helicopter, there are 14 EC135s in China – performing operations for business aviation, emergency medical services, law enforcement and passenger transport.

"The general aviation segment in China has been growing rapidly, resulting in higher demand for light helicopters in the last few years," said Eurocopter China CEO Bruno Boulnois. "We have set up a comprehensive support network in the country to cater to the current and future needs of our customers as we anticipate the upward trend to continue."

Beijing Capital Helicopter is an affiliate of Hainan Airlines Group, offering a range of vertical lift solutions that include charter flights, aerial tours, business transportation, aerial prospecting, and medical airlift. It is one of China's leading integrated helicopter service providers.

About Eurocopter China

Created in December 2006, Eurocopter China is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eurocopter Group, responsible for sales and customer support activities for the company's entire range of products. In China, Eurocopter China covers a market share of 40%. With 45 years of presence and over 30 years of experience in industrial cooperation in China, around 180 Eurocopter helicopters have been sold in the country. In order to provide quality service in proximity to Chinese operators, Eurocopter China has established a multi-based organization in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Harbin, Chengdu, Wuhan and Hong Kong staffed with around 65 employees.

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About Eurocopter

Established in 1992, the Franco-German-Spanish Eurocopter Group is a division of EADS, a world leader in aerospace and defense-related services. The Eurocopter Group employs approximately 20,000 people. In 2011, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world's number one helicopter manufacturer with a turnover of 5.4 billion Euros, orders for 457 new helicopters and a 43 percent market share in the civil and parapublic sectors. Overall, the Group's helicopters account for 33 percent of the worldwide civil and parapublic fleet. Eurocopter's strong international presence is ensured by its subsidiaries and participations in 21 countries. Eurocopter's worldwide network of service centers, training facilities, distributors and certified agents supports some 2,900 customers. There currently are more than 11,300 Eurocopter helicopters in service in 149 countries. Eurocopter offers the most comprehensive civil and military helicopter range in the world and is fully committed to safety as the most important aspect of its business.

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