



ICAO and University of Waterloo to launch new e-learning course at upcoming Summit for Next Generation Aviation Professionals

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Montréal, 6 November 2017 – ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu and the President of the University of Waterloo, Dr. Feridun Hamdullahpur, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today supporting a new joint educational programme.

The first initiative under the new agreement will be the launch of an e-learning course at the upcoming ICAO Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) Global Summit, on the *Fundamentals of the Air Transport System*.

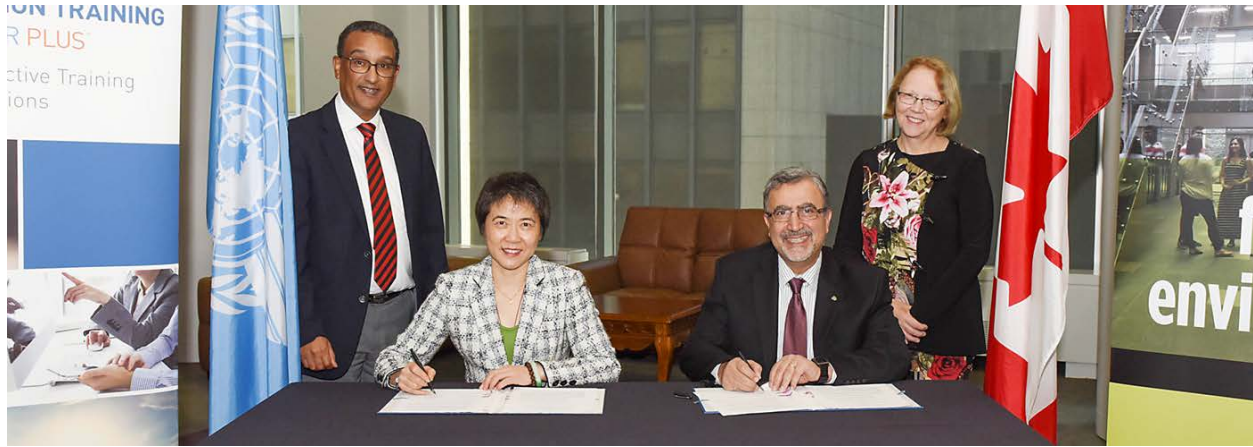
Stressing the importance of making more and more young people aware of the diverse career opportunities in air transport globally, especially in light of forecast sectoral growth, Secretary General Liu emphasized that the new partnership represents an important additional step toward addressing future shortages of highly-skilled aviation personnel.

“Providing greater access to affordable quality training is key to attracting, educating and retaining the next generation of skilled aviation professionals,” Dr. Liu highlighted. “ICAO is undertaking an extensive range of activities in aid of raising awareness on these issues, and to improve aviation training access and quality under our NGAP and Global Aviation Training/TRAINAIR PLUS Programmes. I am encouraged this new partnership is coinciding with our inaugural NGAP Summit this November and we will look forward to reviewing its results.”

Geared for aspiring aviation professionals as well as professionals transitioning into aviation, the new ICAO/Waterloo course will contain 9 modules covering air law, aircraft, operations, navigation, airports, security, environment, accidents, and safety. Trainees will have the option to complete the course (with no exam) free of charge, or to pay the exam fee and complete the exam to earn the Course Certificate.

“The aviation programme at Waterloo is only 10 years old, yet it has quickly become the leading programme of its kind in the country. I am proud that our faculty and students will help establish the next generation of professionals to fulfil global needs and demand,” said Feridun Hamdullahpur, president and vice-chancellor of University of Waterloo. “I’m excited for the future of aviation at Waterloo and pleased to see this partnership with a special agency of the United Nations flourish.”

The ICAO NGAP Global Summit is being convened by ICAO at its Montreal Headquarters from 27-28 November 2017, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It will provide a unique opportunity to unite the aviation, education and labour sectors in order to develop strategies and actions to engage and retain the next generation of skilled aviation professionals. As part of the Summit, ICAO is also organizing a special Model ICAO Forum, speed networking sessions, and a career and networking exhibition for student participants.



ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu (centre left) is joined by the President of the University of Waterloo, Dr. Feridun Hamdullahpur, to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today supporting a joint ICAO/Waterloo educational programme. In attendance with Dr. Liu is Mr. Meshesha Belayneh (left) ICAO's Deputy Director in its Technical Cooperation Bureau and the Chief of its Global Aviation Training Office, while President Hamdullahpur is accompanied by Dr. Jean Andrey (right), the Dean of the school's Faculty of Environment.

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