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## Bangkok Governor Helps Launch the PATAcademy

During a memorable two hour visit on October 15, 2013 to the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) headquarters at the Siam Tower, MR Sukhumbhand Paripatra, the Governor of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) formally applauded PATA "longstanding and recent bridge building initiatives" across the Visitor Economy." The Governor also confirmed his support for the upcoming "PATAcademy" which he has agreed to speak to and help host December 11-14, 2013. The first PATA cademy will be delivered from the PATA Engagement Hub in Bangkok.

The PATAcademy demonstrates PATA's next generation commitment to lifetime Human Capital Development (HCD). The initial trial programme will mix intense classroom interaction with leading practitioners and field visits to see best practices in action in and around Bangkok.

The PATAcademy is the Association's Human Capital Development initiative. PATA has designed the first PATAcademy to attract between 15 and 20 rising stars with typically five years work experience. Mr Martin J Craigs, PATA CEO said: "The PATAcademy will provide a 360 degree perspective of the 'Complete Visitor Economy,' its reach, its implications, its opportunities and challenges. The PATAcademy shows PATA's commitment to Human Capital Development

and supports the urgent humanware needs of a travel industry that is too often limited by "Silo" mentality and fragmented advocacy. The PATAcademy is not in competition with any existing full or part time academic courses. It is designed to complement the many offerings of PATA educational institutions members".

The PATA CEO said that human capital development is a PATA priority as the travel sector often suffers labour skills and leadership shortages. "Embracing a clear and focused campaign for human capital development addresses core needs of our members," said Mr Craigs. "The PATAcademy has been designed to enhance its students travel industry world view. It also underscores the value of PATA at the local, regional and global level," he said.

Mr Peter Semone, Chairman of PATA Education and Training Committee said: "I expect the networking and relationships developed at the PATAcademy to be inspirational and encourage life-long friendships, camaraderie and partnerships."

PATA aims to organise further six-day PATAcademy sessions in 2014. Travel industry professionals wishing to join in the PATAcademy either as participants or mentors should visit [www.PATA.org/events/patacademy](http://www.PATA.org/events/patacademy) or email [HCD@PATA.org](mailto:HCD@PATA.org).



## IAAF 2013/14 Cross Country Permit series gets underway this weekend



The series of 12 individual meetings which make up the calendar of the IAAF Cross Country Permit 2013/14 season will kick off in Soria, Spain, on Sunday (10).

Over the course of the next four months, many of the world's finest distance runners will be taking part in the series that traverses three continents before its conclusion in Nairobi on 15 February at the Athletics Kenya Cross Country, one of the highest-quality cross-country races in the world. With the IAAF World Cross Country Championships taking a break this year in its two-year cycle, this 12-meeting series with stops in Europe, Africa and Asia takes on an even more important role in representing the very pinnacle of long distance running competition over variable terrain.

## The British Fashion Council in partnership with

[STYLEBOP.com](http://STYLEBOP.com) celebrated

London Style Suites

with a Cocktail Party,

November 8th

British Council hosts tour of UK academics to connect with UAE's booming real estate & construction sectors

Tour to highlight need for customised university programmes to further professionalise the sector



## FlairJet's expertise in pilot training brings a new string to Marshall's bow

# Marshall



FlairJet, the London Oxford Airport, UK based charter operator, has been quick to realise its value as the branded charter operator under Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group's Aviation Services arm. Now the company is winning third party recognition for its pilot training expertise on the Embraer Phenom family too. Flair Jet recently trained the pilot owner of the Bari, Italy based Phenom 100 which it manages and, this autumn, the company provided both base and line training to NetJets Europe as Europe's leading business aviation operator prepares to take delivery of its first Phenom 300 aircraft in 2014.

Flight Operations Director and Director of Training Gerry Rolls oversaw a number of take-offs and landings with NetJets Europe pilots following simulator training in order to have the type rating added to their licences. In addition, NetJets' Phenom 300 Senior Training Captain Carl Moore flew with Gerry to complete line training on 10 sectors (starting out in Cascais, Lisbon and concluding in Northolt, UK), in order to be released as a captain. NetJets Europe's new Phenom 300 Senior Training Captain can now train the company's further five Phenom 300 pilots. Thanks to FlairJet, which pioneered both the Phenom 100 and Phenom 300 in Europe, the operator is now self-sufficient with its training programme.

Gerry Rolls, who has been involved since the outset with FlairJet is responsible for its training programme, has a strong back

ground as a professional trainer (TRI/TRE) He has over 6,000 hours' flying experience in aircraft as varied as the Airbus A320, ATR-72, SA-227 Metro, Cessna Citation and DC-3. As the most experienced trainer on the Phenom 100 and 300 he has completed six of the 24 deliveries FlairJet has carried out from Brazil. He also regularly provides TRE support for the Phenom simulator training program at ECTS/CAE Burgess Hill.

"Our expertise in Phenom 100/300 training is a capability we are pleased to offer third parties. For the longer term now we are looking at the possibility of expanding the skillset we have into the wider Marshall Aviation Services Group," said David Fletcher, FlairJet's Managing Director.

David Fletcher is at the Dubai Air Show with his new owners. Stand No 2364. He acknowledges that the FlairJet managed fleet may soon welcome a Beechcraft King Air, following Marshall Aviation Services' acquisition of the former Hawker Beechcraft MRO facility in Broughton, North Wales and Marshall Aviation Services becoming exclusive distributor for Beechcraft products in the UK, Ireland and Scandinavia.

Meanwhile, FlairJet's newest Phenom 100, Oxford based G-ITSU, has now been introduced to the charter fleet. It under took its first commercial charter from Leeds to Northolt, UK in October.

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## HOMETOWN TEAM CAPTURES EWGA CUP AT PGA NATIONAL



*Flying Colours Corp.*



Left to Right: Mike Beazley, Rob Wilson, Jean Menard, Glenn Williams, Eric Gillespie, Sean Gillespie

Flying Colours Corp., the global aviation services company, has been appointed as an authorised dealer and installation centre for a range of Honeywell Aerospace business aviation products at its Peterborough, Ontario, facility. The deal, which was ratified in August, follows a long-standing relationship with Flying Colours St Louis, USA base which has been a Honeywell authorized dealer for many years.

Under the auspices of the appointment, Flying Colours Corp. will be able to offer Honeywell's broad product range, including its Ovation Select Cabin Management System (CMS), to its business aviation clients both in Canada and across the globe. Honeywell's technical team recently visited Flying Colours at Peterborough to showcase the benefits of Ovation Select on a Gulfstream 550 aircraft and to demonstrate the installation process.

The Ovation Select system features seamless in-flight connectivity providing passengers with enhanced in-flight entertainment and maximum business productivity. Flying Colours Corp. is renowned for its ability to install the latest in cabin management technology,

in-flight connectivity and cockpit avionics upgrades and this latest agreement with Honeywell Aerospace serves to further expand its existing offerings. The Flying Colours team is already in discussions with a number of clients about the opportunities presented by Honeywell's products.

Eric Gillespie, VP for Flying Colours Corp. comments: "We are very honoured to be appointed as an authorised Honeywell distributor. Their innovative products are highly regarded across the globe and as such, this is an important agreement for the company. We are continually being asked by our customers for options for CMS and In-flight entertainment upgrades on all types of mid to large size business aircraft so the new arrangement will enable Flying Colours Corp. to considerably broaden its offering."

"We were pleased to appoint Flying Colours Corp. as an authorised dealer. Flying Colours St. Louis facility has also demonstrated added value to our customers and it's a natural progression to formulate an agreement with the Peterborough facility," said Mike Beazley, Vice President of Aftermarket Sales, Honeywell Aerospace.

## UNWTO AND WTM MINISTERS' SUMMIT TO ADDRESS TOURISM AND AVIATION POLICIES

The 2013 UNWTO and WTM Ministers' Summit at the World Travel Market (WTM) will put a spotlight on the essential connection between air transport and tourism, debating the challenges and opportunities of promoting higher policy coordination between aviation and tourism (London, United Kingdom, 5 November 2013). Tourism Ministers from around the world and private sector representatives will be participating in a discussion around the theme "How to bridge the gap between tourism and aviation policies". Charles Hodson, anchor of CNN International's flagship business programme, "World Business Today" will moderate the debate.

The Summit's 2013 edition will address the following issues: Bringing air transport and tourism policies closer together

Opportunities and challenges facing air transport and development infrastructure, taxes and levies, visa facilitation and regulation Success factors and remaining obstacles

Speakers include the Ministers and Secretaries of State for Tourism of Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, the Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Spain and South Africa as well as the President and CEO of the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), the Vice President of Government Affairs of Amadeus, the Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), the Vice President for Europe of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the Director of the Air Transport Bureau of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The discussion will be further enriched by the participation of over 40 Ministers registered to attend the event. Now on its seventh year, the UNWTO/WTM Ministers' Summit is part of the World Travel Market Ministers Programme, bringing together Tourism Ministers and leading tourism experts to debate each year key issues affecting the future of the sector.

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# India-Turkey-CIS Business Forum

December 5 - 7, 2013, Istanbul, Turkey

Being at the cross-roads of Europe and Asia, Turkey for long, has acted as a bridge between the continents. With its rising economic stock in the region and as a gateway to CIS countries, Turkey has positioned itself as an ideal partner to reach out to these countries and beyond. With both CIS countries and Turkey providing immense business opportunities to companies from across the globe, **FICCI in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs, GoI** is organizing the captioned initiative on **5th to 7th December 2013 in Istanbul**. The program would include seminars, B2B Meetings & site visits.

Turkish companies are actively engaged with CIS countries and are executing many projects across sectors. FICCI is therefore organizing a multi-sectoral Indian business delegation to participate, deliberate and evaluate hands-on how they, in partnership with Turkish companies, could jointly work to explore on going as well as upcoming business opportunities in the CIS countries. Some of the focus sectors during the forum would include: Stone (marble), Mining (stones), Agriculture (vegetables, fruits, ornamental

plants, good agricultural practices, organic farming), Agricultural machinery, Textiles, Construction & Real Estate, Infrastructure, Food and beverages (milk and milk products, fruit juices, wines, bottled natural water), Rose and cosmetic products, Furniture & Renewable Energy (solar energy, biomass & biogas), ICT, Tourism etc

In view of the business opportunities offered and your business interests in the region, **we invite you to participate in the delegation**. In case you are pre occupied, you may please depute a senior representative from your organization for the same. **To defray a part of the expenses incurred in connection with organising the visit, a delegation fee of Rs. 35,000/- ( inclusive of ST) per person is being charged. The participants will have to bear their travel & accommodation expenses.**

You may kindly send us the duly filled registration proforma attached herewith, to confirm your participation, **latest by 30th Oct, 2013**. For any further clarification, you may kindly get in touch with my colleague,

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**(Nirankar Saxena) Senior Director Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**

**AIDF Food Security: Asia 2013**  
Hosted at UNCC, Bangkok, 26-27 November

Innovations in Agriculture & Nutrition

Speakers include:

- Dr. Regina Moench-Pfanner  
Director of Singapore Office
- Bruno Kistner  
Commercial Director Asia
- Shun-ichi Murata  
Deputy Executive Secretary
- Dr. Bas Bouman  
Director

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**GRAND FINAL GALA CEREMONY 2013**  
**DOHA, QATAR - 30 NOVEMBER**

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## Monaco Against Autism

Monaco Against Autism - was created to raise funds in support of research and training,

To support structures struggling against autism in the field and to change the way the general public perceives autism.

Better understanding for a better care, to diagnose as early as possible, and to train teams to new techniques so to improve the children and families quality of life, to innovate, to help research advance; these are the association's goals since its inception in 2012.

MONAA pursues its efforts around three pillars: Openness, respect for differences and scientific requirement.

MONAA Gala Dinner  
Salle des Etoiles, Sporting Monte-Carlo,  
November 15th 2013 at 8:30pm

Under the High Patronage of  
H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco &  
Under the Honorary Presidency of  
H.S.H Princess Charlene,

Mrs Dragica Nikolic, Serbia's First Lady,  
Madame Marta Linares De Martinelli,  
Panama's First Lady, Mr Lech Walesa,  
Nobel Peace Prize will honour the evening  
with their presence alongside a host of  
personalities from the world of fashion,  
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The dinner will be followed by an auction  
of prestigious prizes, led by Sotheby's. The  
Group Earth Wind and Fire will perform  
songs from their legendary repertoire  
including September, Let's groove, Boogie  
Wonderland, and Fantasy.

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