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The effects on test takers, testing systems and English language proficiency

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Pilots in China

2016

- ~ 32000 airline pilots
- ~ 11000 non-airline pilots
- + 12-14% industry growth per year
- ~ 1000 CAAC ELP tests / month

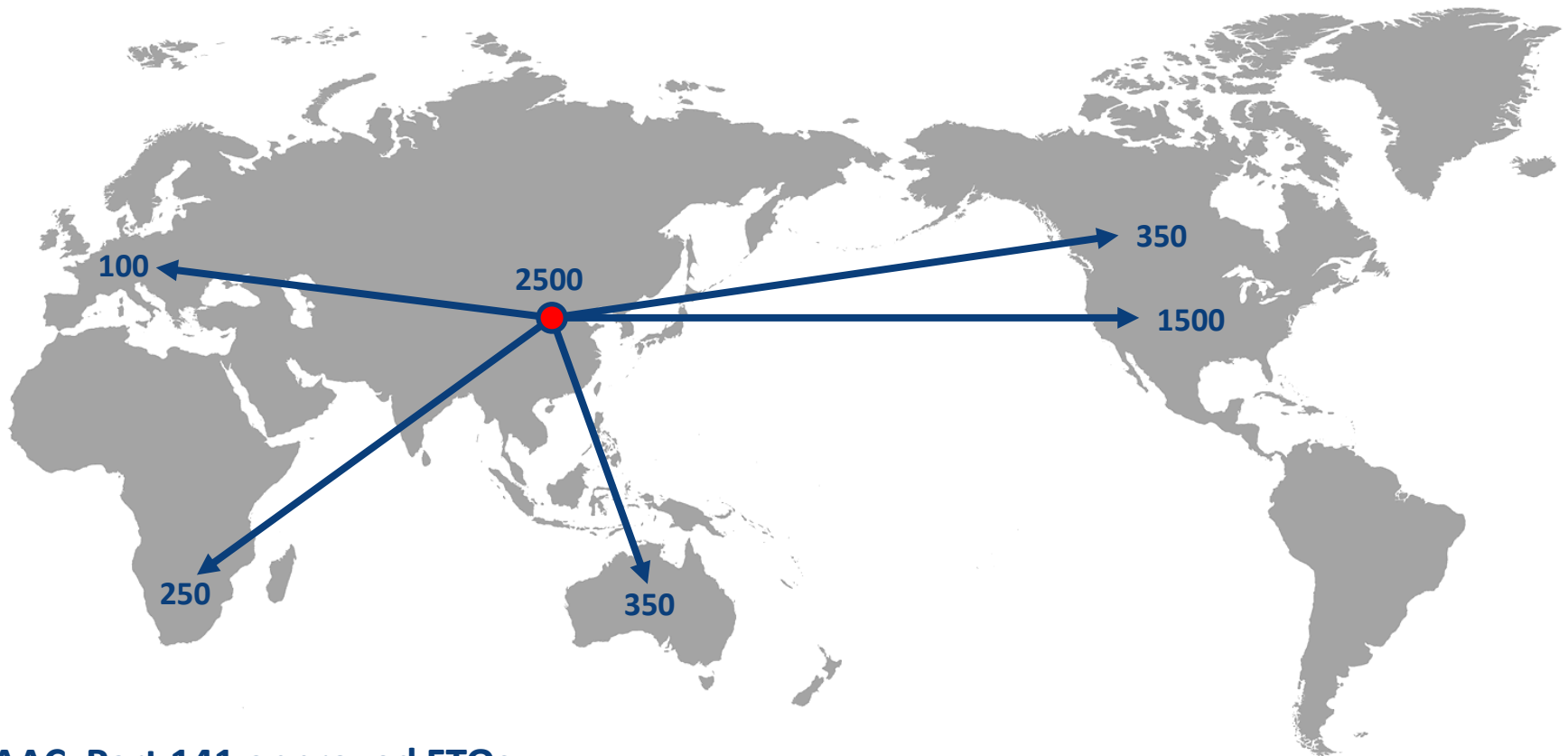


Interactions in English (NNS-NNS & NNS-NS)

- a. ~ 550 overseas Captains
 - Korea
 - Brazil, Mexico
 - USA, Canada, Europe
 - Australia & NZ
- b. ~ 5000 airline-sponsored student pilots

Training Locations: Airline sponsored student pilots

~ 5000 new students / year

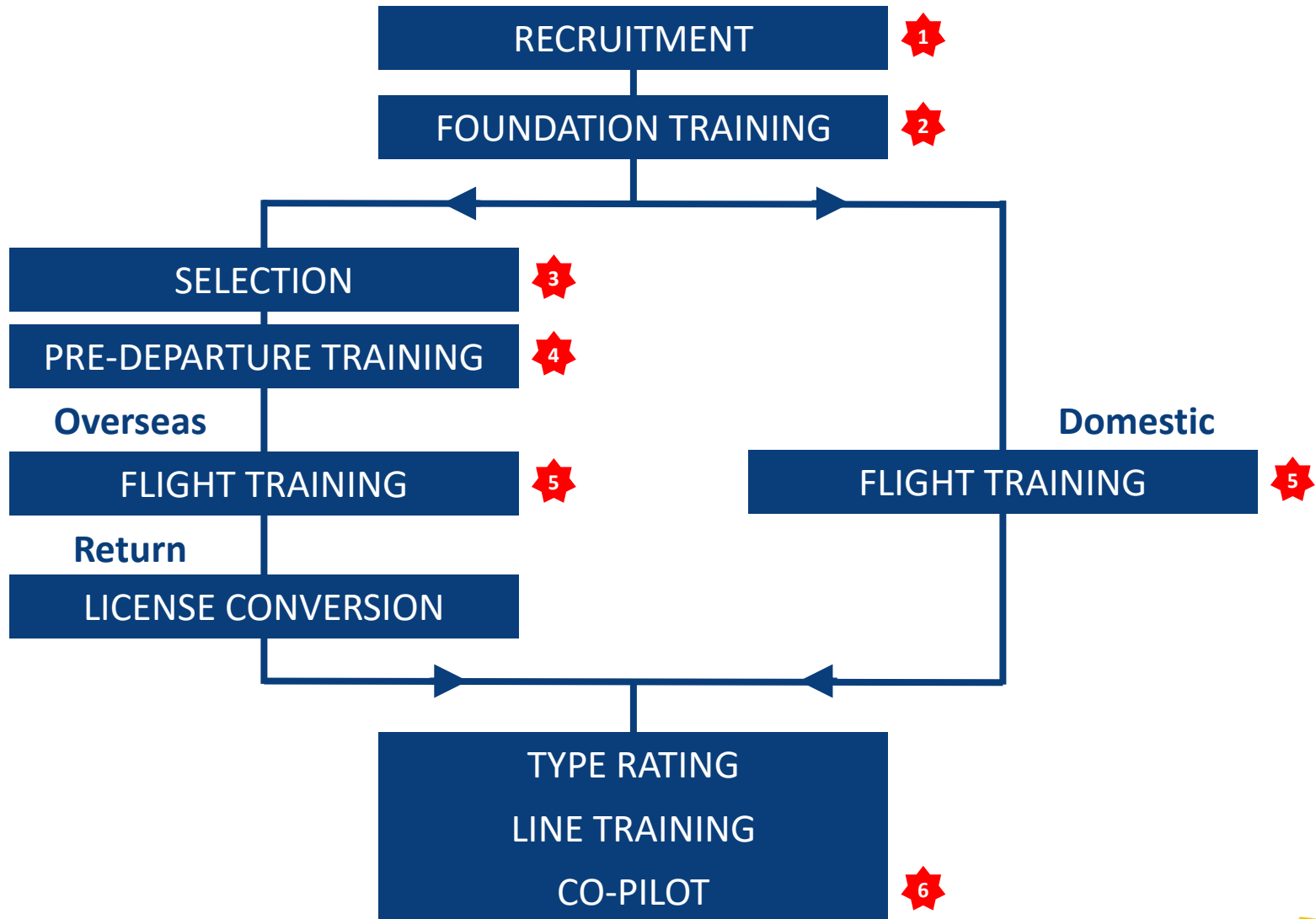


CAAC Part 141 approved FTOs

Domestic: ~12 schools, ~50% of students

Overseas: ~25 schools, ~50% of students

Training Path: Overview



 = ELP testing

ELP Testing: Overview

Stage	Testing by	System
1 RECRUITMENT	} airline or university	MoE: CET, airline or university
2 FOUNDATION TRAINING		airline or university
3 SELECTION	} overseas FTO	aptitude tests, interview, others
4 PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING		FTO (+ Australia: IELTS)
5 FLIGHT TRAINING	<div> <div>ICAO LPRs</div> <div>overseas</div> <div>domestic</div> </div>	FAA, TCCA, CASA, SACAA, DGAC etc
LICENCE CONVERSION		CAAC: PPL - ICAO3, CPL or MPL - ICAO4
TYPE RATING		transfer overseas ICAO4 to CAAC licence
LINE TRAINING		
6 CO-PILOT		CAAC: ICAO 1 to 6

Does the system work?

Reputation

Air China 981

China Eastern 2046

} ELP issues, but two sides to most stories

Incidents / Accidents

...happen, and for a variety of reasons including ELP

...with positive and negative outcomes due to ELP



January 2010
Phoenix, USA



January 2013
Mangalore, Australia



March 2017
Montreal, Canada

Workshop

Activity 1. **CBS 5 Investigates** (Phoenix, USA) – May 2013

Activity 2. **Three Case Studies: airline-sponsored ab-initio pilots**

- a) experiences of ELP training & testing in different regulatory systems
- b) attitudes towards ELP

Activity 3. **Discussion – Issues & Questions**



Thank you

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