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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
## ELP Testing: Overview

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<td>MoE: CET, airline or university</td>
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<td>overseas FTO</td>
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<td><strong>6</strong> CO-PILOT</td>
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Does the system work?

Reputation

Air China 981
China Eastern 2046

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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