Yangtze River Express Becomes First Airline in China to Sign for Digital Boeing Toolbox Records

Shanghai-based carrier to use data analytics to enhance maintenance, planning operations

AMSTERDAM, October 20, 2016 – Boeing [NYSE:BA] today announced that Yangtze River Express signed an agreement to become the first Chinese airline to use Boeing Maintenance Performance Toolbox Records to automate its maintenance record keeping.

Toolbox Records will eliminate paper-based maintenance records from the airline's operations and will reduce operating costs through improved efficiency. Toolbox Records uses data analytics processes to help airlines make better operational maintenance decisions and manages scanned and digitally produced maintenance and flight records, with immediate access to critical files.

"Integrating Boeing Toolbox Records as part of our maintenance operations will reduce redundancy, human errors and time spent managing paper-based records," said Bruce Liu, vice president, Maintenance and Engineering, Yangtze River Express. "After recently teaming with Boeing on product training, we now will be able to quickly pull the maintenance information that we need from across our fleet will help to improve turnaround time and planning operations."

Simple access to Toolbox Records data, as a component of the Boeing Maintenance Performance Toolbox application, will improve workflow capabilities for the airline to better manage fleet-wide maintenance operations. Boeing and its subsidiary AerData are continuing to develop industry standards for the elimination of scanning paper maintenance documents in favor of fully digital data for use with its applications.

"We are very pleased that Yangtze River Express is leveraging this industry leading digital solution to increase efficiency and compliance, said Rick Anderson, vice president, Sales and Marketing, Boeing Commercial Aviation Services. "It is a great compliment to the Maintenance Performance Toolbox and Airplane Health Management solutions they are already using, and we are delighted that they are expanding their partnership with Boeing in this exciting area."

Toolbox Records integrates seamlessly into existing airline maintenance and engineering systems, to provide increased operational efficiency and a unified user experience.

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