

SriLankan trains more Aircraft Engineers for Pakistan's Airblue

SriLankan Airlines is training yet another group of Aircraft Engineers for the Pakistani airline Airblue at its Technical Training School at the Bandaranaike International Airport.

SriLankan's Technical Training provides training for Aircraft Engineers, Tech-

nicians, and Pilots. These already include foreign students from Pakistan, the Maldives, Oman and India, and staff of other airlines.

SriLankan Technical Training last year became one of the few companies in Asia to be awarded the globally recognized EASA 147

certification from the European Aviation Safety Agency, to provide training in Aircraft Maintenance to foreign and local students. SriLankan Engineering also received EASA 145 certification in recognition of its commitment to the highest standards of professionalism in aircraft

maintenance. Technical Training Manager, Harsha Priyadarshan said: "The excellent facilities we have at SriLankan, coupled with SriLankan's all-Airbus fleet of A320, A330, and A340 aircraft, are a distinct advantage to anyone who wants to be trained in Airbus aircraft.

Our programmes include field visits to both Base and Line Maintenance."

Privately owned Airblue is Pakistan's fastest growing airline. It now operates to nine destinations - Manchester, Dubai, and seven cities throughout Pakistan. It currently has a fleet of six

Airbus A320 and A321 aircraft and recently placed an order for eight more A320s.

The group of six Aircraft Engineers is undergoing a two-month training programme in engineering and maintenance aspects of the Airbus A320 family of aircraft, which includes the

A319, A320, and A321. Airblue is scheduled to send yet another group of Aircraft Engineers to SriLankan for training in late March.

The present group are scheduled to complete their training at about the same time. During the last two years, Airblue sent three

other groups of Aircraft Engineers to SriLankan for training in Radio Engineering, Airframe & Power Plant, and Avionics of A320 aircraft. Among these groups were several Inspectors of the Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan who also received training.