

## 322 graduate from Africa's largest aviation academy

47 pilots, 92 aviation maintenance technicians, 50 cabin crew and 133 marketing professionals graduated from the Ethiopian Aviation Academy at a ceremony held at the Ethiopian Headquarters last week. The institution is the largest aviation academy in Africa, a full ICAO Trainer Plus Member and an IATA Authorised Global Training Centre.



Tewolde GebreMariam, group CEO Ethiopian Airlines, was present to congratulate the new graduates and welcome them to the airline's workforce. He gave out diplomas to all graduates, flight wings to pilots and cabin crew, and achievement awards to graduates with outstanding academic performance.

"We believe education is the greatest equaliser in the 21st century and the Ethiopian Aviation Academy has strategically positioned itself to train the African youth in the latest aviation technology and skills to own, manage and operate their own reliable aviation industry with global standards. We shall continue to up scale our capacity and nurture the youth as we prepare them for 21st century African Aviation development," GebreMariam remarked.



Operating for the past six decades since its establishment in 1956, Ethiopian Aviation Academy has significantly contributed towards alleviating the critical shortage of skilled aviation professionals. Currently, the academy trains 1,500

youths per annum and it envisages to enhance its intake capacity to 4,000 by 2025.

The academy is certified by the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority, the U.S Federal Aviation Administration, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), and IATA Safety Audit (IOSA).

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