



ATR 42-600 TO ENTER CHINESE MARKET AFTER THE VALIDATION OF TYPE CERTIFICATE BY CAAC

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The Civil Aviation Administration of China has provided validation of the type certificate for leading turboprop manufacturer's ATR 42-600. This milestone opens the opportunity for ATR to re-enter the Chinese market with a firm order from an undisclosed customer for three aircraft. The most sustainable option for regional air travel, the ATR 42-600 is an ideal route opener for China, a vast country looking to grow essential connections profitably and responsibly.

Nathalie Tarnaud Laude, ATR's Chief Executive Officer, commented: "Receiving CAAC's validation of the ATR 42-600 type certificate, along with a firm order, is a major achievement marking the re-introduction of ATR turboprops in China. The ATR 42-600 will undoubtedly prove to be a game-changer. ATR offers an eco-responsible alternative to jets while bringing comfort and convenience to passengers, and essential air services for communities and businesses to thrive."



Regional aviation has a well-researched positive effect on a country's economy and society: increasing regional flights by 10% generates a 5% rise in tourism, 6% rise in regional GDP and an 8% increase in foreign direct investment.

Fabrice Vautier, ATR's Senior Vice-President Commercial, said: "By 2035, we anticipate that over 150 airports will be built in China and turboprops will play a key role in creating a new network of short, thin routes, complementing the high-speed train offering. Our 20-year forecast predicts a need for 280 new turboprops in the region, and ATR is perfectly placed to meet this demand, whilst also contributing to decrease the reliance on public subsidies and delivering reduced CO2 emissions."



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