

LIMA'17: Weststar Aviation celebrates 100k flying-hour milestone

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Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd group managing director, Tan Sri Dr Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim (right) with Leonardo Helicopter Division's managing director, Daniele Romiti. Pix source: Facebook/Weststar Aviation Services.

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KUALA LUMPUR: Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd celebrated 100,000 flying hours with its entire AW139 helicopter fleet yesterday.

The company marked the milestone at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA'17) exhibition, where the helicopter's Italian manufacturer, Leonardo Helicopter Division's managing director, Daniele Romiti, presented a congratulatory plaque to Weststar's group managing director, Tan Sri Dr Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim.

"We look forward to greater collaboration with Leonardo and hope that they will continue to provide quality service to support our operations.

"Reaching this milestone is a testament to the capability of the AW139 aircraft, the capability of our experienced crew and our employees. The accomplishment of 100,000 flight hours for a single model of aircraft is truly extraordinary for such a young company like Weststar Aviation Services," Syed Azman said.

Romiti praised Weststar's accomplishment as a feat that its pilots, technicians and employees should be proud of.

"This plaque is for them and for their work. I am equally proud of the quality of the work we do together with Weststar, in developing great customised products according to high customer standards, while keeping them operationally safe and efficient. I look forward to celebrating the next milestone we will soon reach," Romiti said.

In its press statement, Weststar, the largest Southeast Asian offshore helicopter services provider, and largest helicopter operator of AW139 helicopters in Asia, said the AW139 models first entered service in 2011 and achieved the milestone in 72 months of operations.

At present, Weststar Aviation Services has a total of 26 units of AW139 helicopters and one unit of the AW189 super-medium helicopter, all operating out of its operation bases in Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia, where they perform a wide range of services focusing on the offshore helicopter transportation services.

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