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## **Top Fliers Receive Accolades from Air BP**

Nine New Zealanders graduated from CTC Aviation's *CTC Wings* Commercial Pilot Programme (CPP) on 21 August at the company's Crew Training Centre-Hamilton. Only 13 New Zealanders have completed the rigorous airline pilot training programme since it was launched in 2006.

In addition to their graduation certificates, five of the nine cadets also received recognition for high performance with cash awards provided by Air BP.

Taking the Top Graduate Award, as well as the Top Pilot Award and Runner-Up for the Top Academic Award was Scott Vincent of **Devonport**, Auckland. Mr Vincent's three cash prizes provided by Air BP totalled \$1800.

Other winners included:

- Samuel Butler of **Hamilton**, Top Academic
- Henry Lambert of **Hamilton**, Runner-Up Top Pilot
- Jacob Snelgrove of **Wellington**, Top Professional
- James Burke of **Hamilton**, Runner-Up Top Professional

All runners-up received a \$100 reward from Air BP and all top winners received \$500.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, Danny O'Neill, General Aviation Market Manager-North for Air BP, said "it is a pleasure for Air BP to offer these awards to recognise the excellent achievements of these top performers. All five cadets have done an outstanding job in their training and Air BP wishes them all the best in their aviation careers."

Mr O'Neill explained that Air BP began supplying CTC with installations and fuel in 2004 and during that year the company used 156,000 litres of fuel. However, in the last four years, the company's fuel usage has matched its growth in training numbers. In 2008, the company used 900,000 litres – the most of any flight training organisation in New Zealand.

CTC Aviation Training offers a range of airline pilot training programmes for people with no flying experience as well as for people with a current Commercial Pilot Licence. Funding is also available to assist successful candidates with training costs.

More information about CTC and its *CTC Wings* airline pilot training programmes can be found at [www.ctcwings.com](http://www.ctcwings.com).

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CTC is one of the world's leading full-service airline training providers training over 1200 aircrew for more than 50 global airlines each year. Our UK and NZ based Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art Airbus and Boeing simulators, hi-tech Computer Based Training facilities and a fleet of the latest, modern technology training aircraft to support our ab-initio training programme – CTC Wings; all supported by one of the most experienced teams of Training Captains and Instructors worldwide.

Our corporate philosophy is based around *innovation, flexibility, expertise and quality*. We are renowned for developing innovative approaches to airline training and recruitment challenges.

Our portfolio spans the full spectrum of airline training and resourcing requirements; - pilots and cabin crew; basic licence and ATPL training through to TRE Standardisation; ground school, simulator provision and line training; management and consultancy support; start ups, conversions and recurrent. We have recently launched two new products –

- a range of Airline Software Solutions combining our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team.
- CTC FlexiCrew – an innovative, flexible approach to resolve airline resourcing needs around the world.

CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited provides executive jet management and operational support for both corporate and private clients.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Eagle Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, OpenSkies, Jetstar Pacific, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly, UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

**CTC Wings** is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years. The *CTC Wings* ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training. The *CTC Wings ICP* and *CTC Wings CPP* routes provide CPL/IR training for aspiring pilots with differing entry criteria or aspirations outside of the airline world. *CTC Wings SIP* is a sponsored instructor programme offered to the New Zealand pilot community.

**CTC FlexiCrew** is an initiative to provide flexible yet quality resourcing solutions for both the airline industry and qualified pilots, including experienced instructors and examiners.

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