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## IFALPA Conference issues statement of support for the pilots of Japan Air Lines

Chiang Mai 11 April: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) meeting at its Annual Conference in Chiang Mai expressed grave concerns about the practices which have recently taken place in Japan Air lines (JAL) that have resulted in the dismissal of 81 pilots. The selection criteria used for these dismissals was age, which is both discriminatory and in breach of international standards, and the legitimate sickness of pilots that has clear implications for Air Safety. The 300 delegates to the Conference, representing over 100,000 professional pilots in more than 100 countries worldwide, unanimously voted to fully support the Japanese pilots in fighting these dismissals, and calls on the Japanese Government to direct JAL retract the dismissals immediately, and then enter into meaningful negotiations to find a way forward that is fair and acceptable to its pilots and meets the needs of the company.

To find out more about the dispute please visit the IFALPA and watch the film that explains the dispute and its background <http://www.ifalpa.org/videos.html>

*Notes to Editors: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. The mission of IFALPA is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations.*

*See the Federation website [www.ifalpa.org](http://www.ifalpa.org)*

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