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TZU-CHENG KUO EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 1/6/2024 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Tzu-Cheng Kuo has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Kuo's second NAFI Master accreditation.

Kuo graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) in October of the previous year with a degree in aeronautical science. He is an AGI, IGI, Gold Seal CFI, CFII, and MEI. Recently, he acquired an ATP license and an A320 type rating.

In his role as a flight instructor, he loves educating and promoting aviation. Kuo actively mentors and guides his students to become outstanding pilots. His engagement extends to various organizational



activities, including volunteering at the Professional Asian Pilot Association career exposition and ERAU alumni engagements, where he shares his aviation journey with current students.

Kuo recognizes the persistent barriers that often deters individuals interested in aviation due to a lack of understanding or financial constraints. He endeavors to offer assistance and answers to those navigating the complexities of aviation. He aspires to collaborate with friends to establish a comprehensive platform that will facilitate information integration and make it more accessible to aspiring aviation enthusiasts. As technology progresses, he remains committed to advancing his knowledge in the field.

Kuo expressed his honor in becoming a NAFI member. He is also a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society, National Business Aviation Association, and National Air Transportation Association. Kuo is set to commence training to become a part of the FAA Safety Team.

The **NAFI Master Flight Instructor Accreditation** is earned by aviation educators based upon a system of advanced professional standards and peer review. The accreditation identifies and publicly recognizes those teachers of flight who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community. The NAFI Master Instructor accreditation is for two years and may be used to renew an FAA flight instructor certificate. Applicants must have been a CFI for two years and have given 1,000 hours of flight instruction. In addition, candidates must meet and document activity in four NAFI Master Instructor categories (Instructor, Educator, Service to the Aviation Community, and Professional Activity).

Members of the **National Association of Flight Instructors** work as independent instructors, at flight schools, universities, FBOs, corporate flight departments and in the military. Since 1967, NAFI and its members, who teach in thirty countries, are dedicated to increasing and maintaining the professionalism of flight instruction. NAFI members influence active pilots daily: students working to become pilots, current pilots training to advance their skills with new ratings or certificates and pilots who seek to improve their skills with recurrent training. NAFI also serves as an advocate with industry and government as a voice for flight instruction. NAFI helps shape the current and future direction of flight training. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call **866-806-6156** or visit <u>www.NAFINet.org</u>.