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## The Royal Thai Air Force receives four EC725s

- Delivery of first batch of four completed this month; with another two due next year
- Fleet will be used for combat search & rescue, national search & rescue flights and troop transportation missions

Bangkok, 25 August 2015 – Airbus Helicopters has completed delivery of an initial four EC725s to the Royal Thai Air Force, providing highly-capable rotorcraft for this military service's search and rescue and troop transport duties.

The order of four EC725s was signed in 2012, with the deliveries having just been completed. They are expected to begin operations later this month. Two additional EC725s were booked in 2014 for deliveries to the Royal Thai Air Force next year.

"With Thailand's investment in the modernization of its aircraft inventory, the EC725s will become a formidable asset in the Royal Thai Air Force's helicopter fleet," said Fabrice Rochereau, Airbus Helicopters' Vice President of Sales and Customer Relations in Asia Pacific.

The EC725 is an 11-ton twin-engine helicopter featuring high-performance navigation and mission systems – including a unique digital four-axis autopilot. Delivering excellent flight autonomy and seating 28 persons, this powerful helicopter is perfectly tailored for the Royal Thai Air Force's combat search and rescue (CSAR) missions, search and rescue (SAR) flights, troop transport operations and other tasks.

"We welcome the Royal Thai Air Force as a new Airbus Helicopters operator," said Derek Sharples, the Managing Director of Airbus Helicopters Southeast Asia. "They can count on our full resources to support the successful deployment of the aircraft, and proximity services from our Thailand-based customer center."

Airbus Helicopters' EC725 is a military rotorcraft of reference for the Asia Pacific region. Indonesia has ordered six units, deliveries of which started in late 2014; while Malaysia is already operating its fleet of 12 aircraft, performing numerous SAR missions at high availability rates.

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