Since its establishment in 2008, Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation (MITAC) has aggressively conducted world-wide Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) sales campaigns focusing on the 70-100 seat regional jet market that is envisioned to exceed more than 5,000 units over the next 20 years. Airlines have placed high expectations on the MRJ as the sole "next-generation" regional jet able to deliver unbeatable competitiveness through superior fuel efficiency, environmental friendliness, and cabin comfort.

Following an in-depth review of the MRJ program, MITAC today announces the following schedule update:

- MRJ first flight is scheduled for JFY* 3Q 2013, in order to:
  (i) Confirm respective fabrication processes.
  (ii) Provide sufficient time for technical studies.
  First flight details to be announced at a later date or during events such as MRJ roll-out.
- First delivery of MRJ is slated for the summer or later half of JFY* 2015.

MITAC continues to strive towards accelerating development and delivery the first MRJ to the customer. And also we are considering to ramp up in following mass production line. MITAC notes that the Pratt & Whitney PurePower® engine program is progressing smoothly with first test flight of the MRJ's PW1217G engine planned from the end of this month.

MITAC is fully committed to fine-tuning the MRJ's development program in order to ensure that the MRJ becomes the true game-changer setting the new standards for next-generation regional jets.

*JFY (Japanese fiscal year) runs April to March.

MRJ
Mitsubishi Regional Jet is a family of 70~90-seat next-generation aircraft
featuring state-of-the-art aerodynamics and Pratt & Whitney's revolutionary PurePower® engine to drastically reduce fuel consumption, noise, and emissions, while offering top-class operational benefits, an outstanding cabin, large overhead bins, and an innovative slim seat designed for heightened passenger flying comfort.