

# **First MRJ Flight Test Aircraft Final Assembly Commences**

## **Mid Fuselage Arrives at MHI's Nagoya Aerospace Systems Works Komaki South Plant**

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Final assembly of the first MRJ flight test aircraft under development by Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI) got underway today at the Komaki South Plant of MHI's Nagoya Aerospace Systems Works located in Aichi Prefecture. The start of final assembly follows the October 13 transfer of the aircraft's mid fuselage fabricated at the Tobishima Plant also in Aichi Prefecture. Assembly of the aircraft will progressively advance as other sections of the fuselage, main wings and other structural components arrive, after which electrical wiring, hydraulic and other systems will be installed, followed by other necessary equipment.

In step with final assembly, plans call for the vertical tail and horizontal stabilizer – built at MHI's Oye Plant in Nagoya – as well as the aircraft's remarkably fuel-efficient cutting-edge engine – supplied by Pratt & Whitney – to be integrated to the airframe. The MRJ, Japan's first-ever commercial passenger jet, is on the road to becoming a reality.

Looking ahead, Mitsubishi Aircraft and MHI will continue working closely with MRJ program partners, moving steadily towards successfully completing this next-generation regional jet that will offer outstanding fuel efficiency, environmental friendliness, and cabin comfort.



## **About the MRJ**

The Mitsubishi Regional Jet is a family of 70- to 90-seat next-generation aircraft featuring Pratt & Whitney's revolutionary PurePower® engine and state-of-the-art aerodynamics enabling drastic reductions in fuel consumption, noise and emissions while offering top-class operational benefits and an outstanding cabin with large overhead bins and other features designed for heightened passenger comfort.

## **About Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation**

Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation commenced operation on April 1, 2008 to conduct the design, type certification, procurement, sales & marketing and customer support of the Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ). MRJ 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 and large overhead bins designed for heightened passenger flying comfort. Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation is capitalized at 100 billion yen, with financing furnished by, among others, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., Toyota Motor Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation, Sumitomo Corporation and Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

## **About Mitsubishi Heavy Industries**

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is one of the world's leading heavy machinery manufacturers, with consolidated sales of 2,817.8 billion yen in fiscal 2012, the year ended

March 31, 2013. MHI's diverse lineup of products and services encompasses shipbuilding, power plants, chemical plants, environmental equipment, steel structures, industrial and general machinery, aircraft, space systems and air-conditioning systems.

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