

PRESS RELEASE

SkyDrive Inc.

## SkyDrive Joins Public-Private Discussion with Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand, Bangkok Airways, Saha Group, and Saha Tokyu Corporation, Aiming for eVTOL Aircraft Operations in Thailand

**TOYOTA, Japan, October 2, 2025** -- SkyDrive Inc., a Japanese leading eVTOL (\*1) aircraft manufacturer, announced its participation in a public-private discussion in Bangkok, Thailand, on September 10, 2025. The discussion focused on establishing eVTOL aircraft operations in Thailand. This follows a last June MOU (memorandum of understanding) with Thai conglomerate Saha Pathana Inter-Holding Public Company Limited and Saha Tokyu Corporation to investigate eVTOL aircraft operations in the country.



\*4th person from left: Vichai Kulsomphob, Chairman of the Executive Board of SPI /
6th: Tomohiro Fukuzawa, Founder & CEO of SkyDrive /

7th: Marshal Manat Chavanaprayoon, Air Chief of CAAT/

8th: Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth, CEO of Bangkok Airways

To successfully introduce eVTOL, next-generation air mobility, into society, public-private collaboration is essential, involving not only aircraft developers but also various organizations and companies responsible for legal frameworks and infrastructure development. The recent meeting was held at the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) headquarters to discuss the future of next-generation air mobility and further develop the country's aviation market. Representatives from CAAT, Bangkok Airways, Saha Pathana Inter-Holding, Saha Tokyu Corporation, and SkyDrive exchanged information and ideas from the perspectives of a public authority, commercial airline, and an aviation technology company. (\*2)

Following the MOU signed in June 2024, SkyDrive is investigating business prospects for its aircraft in Thailand, focusing on locations such as Si Racha, Koh Samui, and Bangkok, with Bangkok Airways. (\*3)

A potential visit by the CAAT to Japan to observe SkyDrive's flight demonstrations is under consideration. This development is a significant stride for Thailand's burgeoning air mobility sector and aligns with SkyDrive's business objectives in the country. SkyDrive is developing "flying cars" (eVTOLs) with the mission of "leading the mobility revolution that happens once in a century," and aiming to realize a future where the sky is utilized for daily transportation. At the Expo 2025 Osaka, we conducted a demonstration flight of our flying car, the "SKYDRIVE (SkyDrive Model SD-05). (\*4) SkyDrive will continue its business activities in Japan and around the world toward the realization of flying cars.

## **About SkyDrive Inc.**

SkyDrive is a Japanese eVTOL company aiming "to take the lead in the once-in-a-century mobility revolution". The company began testing eVTOL prototypes in 2014 prior to official incorporation in 2018. Under its future vision for urban transportation, flying in eVTOLs will become a regular part of city life. In 2019, SkyDrive became the first company to fly a crewed eVTOL in Japan. The company began production of "SKYDRIVE"

in March 2024 at a plant owned by Suzuki Motor Corporation, SkyDrive's official production partner. The company successfully showcased the eVTOL "SKYDRIVE" with demonstration flights spanning one month at the Expo 2025 Osaka, witnessed by thousands of visitors. SkyDrive has been working with civil aviation authorities in Japan and the US to obtain certification for "SKYDRIVE", the company's first eVTOL product and aims to launch the service in 2028. SkyDrive is headquartered in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture, and led by CEO Tomohiro Fukuzawa, an engineer and entrepreneur.

For more information, please visit: https://en.skydrive2020.com/

## Editor's Note:

- (\*1) "eVTOL" is an abbreviation for electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing. As the name suggests, eVTOL aircraft can take off and land without a runway. eVTOLs are powered by electricity and incorporate advanced, automatic, flight control technology.
- (\*2) Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)'s Facebook post regarding this meeting https://www.facebook.com/100064795145989/posts/1226968139473013/?rdid=ks0hrwcIE6yewa6K#
- (\*3) The announcement regarding SkyDrive and Saha Pathana Inter-Holdings and Saha Tokyu Corporation <a href="https://en.skydrive2020.com/archives/13132">https://en.skydrive2020.com/archives/13132</a>
- (\*4) The announcement regarding the Expo 2025 Osaka https://en.skydrive2020.com/archives/16292

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