



Chengdu: Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force presenting a painting of JF-17 Thunder aircraft to Mr. Li Yuhai, Executive Vice President Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) during the maiden flight ceremony of dual seat JF-17B Thunder aircraft at Chengdu (China). (27-04-2017)



Chengdu: Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force and Air Marshal Muhammad Iqbal, Chief Project Director JF-17 sitting in the cockpit of dual seat JF-17B Thunder aircraft at Chengdu (China) . (28-04-2017)

## DUAL SEAT JF-17B THUNDER COMPLETES MAIDEN FLIGHT

**CHENGDU 28 APRIL, 2017:** It is a momentous day for Pakistan Air Force indeed as dual-seat variant of the JF-17 Thunder fighter aircraft has successfully undertaken its maiden test flight at Chengdu (China), today. Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force was the Chief Guest at the occasion. This impressive

ceremony was hosted by Mr. Li Yuhai, Executive Vice President Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC).

Dual-seat JF-17B is currently entering the testing phase which is jointly co-developed by China and Pakistan. JF-17B dual seat fighter aircraft is a major milestone towards self reliance and would boost operational and training capabilities of Pakistan Air Force. It will further enhance advanced combat training of PAF fighter pilots on this indigenous war fighting machine.

Induction of JF-17 aircraft in PAF started in 2007 and has continued during subsequent years. Today, Pakistan Air Force is operating five JF-17 Squadrons which are actively engaged in all types of operations. JF-17 Thunder is an excellent fighter aircraft which can be easily compared with the 4<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft of the world.