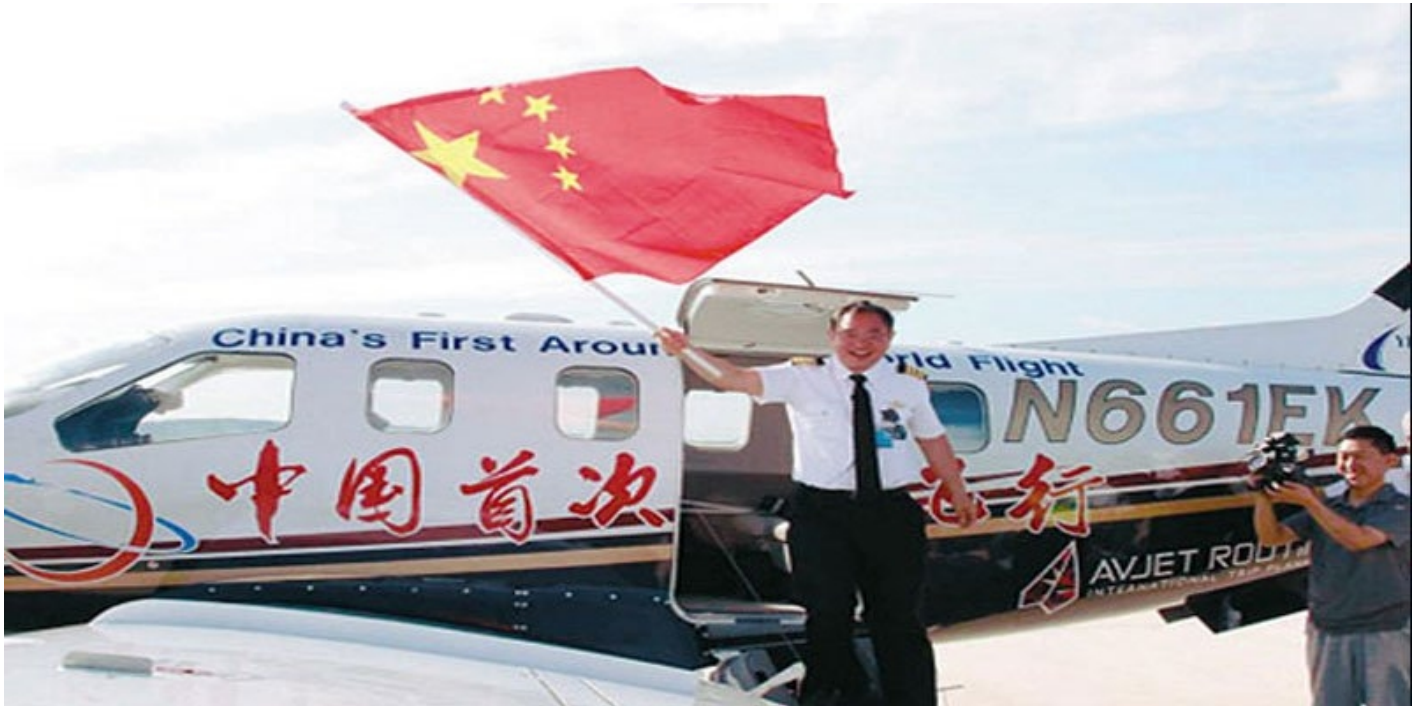




# CHINESE PILOT EMBARKS ON ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT

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**A Chinese pilot and his crew left Beijing Sunday on a flight across the globe, the first around-the-world flight from China.**

**After two years of careful preparation, the single-engine turboprop TMB700 aircraft left Beijing Capital International Airport Sunday afternoon.**

**The 58-day journey will cover 40,000 kilometers and over 20 countries including Russia, the United States, Canada, Iceland and Britain.**

**According to pilot Zhang Bo, who is in his fifties, there will be around 50 stops, and will follow part of the Ancient Silk Road trade route.**

**As an aviation enthusiast, Zhang learned to fly while studying for his doctor's degree at the University of Illinois. He now has over 600 hours' flying experience.**

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