

Chinese farmer successfully carries out microlight flight test



Li Bing, a farmer in Daqing, Heilongjiang Province, creates a microlight aircraft successfully. [File Photo]

Li Bing, a farmer in Daqing, Heilongjiang Province, attracted huge attention on the internet on Sunday.

The 35-year-old successfully carried out the trial flight of a microlight aircraft designed and created by himself.

The broadcast of the flight live on internet video blog attracted thousands of viewers.

Li's passion is planes and most of his postings on the blog are about making aircraft.

In the past nine months, he spent about 50,000 yuan on the microlight aircraft.

"In the beginning, neither my family nor my friends supported me," said Li.

“They told me I should pay more attention on farm work and the technical things were none of my business.”

However, Li persisted.

He searched for information online and travelled across the country to learn more.

Finally, he created a microlight aircraft successfully.

The wings are made by aircraft-grade aluminum and canvas and the body is made by iron tubes and an engine of the motorboat. A fuel tank is set behind the seat.

On Saturday, he carried out the first trail flight but failed because of the strong wind.

“When I tried the second time, people ran after me as they were worried whether I would come back safely.”

However, the trial run was successful and the landing was perfect.

[China to take part in investigation of China Eastern flight](#)



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Chinese aviation authorities said Tuesday that they will join the investigation into the emergency landing of a China Eastern flight in Australia, and will consider issuing an airworthiness directive if it was caused by a design or manufacturing fault.

China Eastern Airlines flight MU736, heading to Shanghai Sunday night, was forced to return to Sydney when the crew noticed “cracks” on the Airbus A330’s engine cowling shortly after takeoff.

The crew made the “right decision” to return, and the plane landed safely with no reported injuries, according to Tang Weibin with the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau will look into the incident in accordance with the international civil aviation convention, while the CAAC and Rolls-Royce, manufacturer of the plane’s engine, will also participate in the investigation, he said.

There have been reports of similar trouble with the UK-produced Trent-700 engine, according to Tang.

The CAAC will be informed of the latest investigation findings, and will consider issuing an airworthiness directive if the incident was caused by a design or manufacturing fault, said Wang Jingling, another CAAC official.

31 arrested in 4-mln-yuan telecom fraud in Shanghai

Shanghai police have apprehended 31 people in connection with 1,300 telecommunication fraud cases with total illegal gains of 4 million yuan (590,000 U.S. dollars).

The gang asked for “brokerage fees” for fake loans, Li Shidong, of the public security department in Shanghai’s Jinshan District, said Tuesday.

Police started investigating the case in late March, when a resident surnamed Chen told police he was asked to pay 4,500 yuan via the social networking app WeChat to obtain a loan.

After he made a 4,000 yuan down payment of the brokerage fee, the loan was rejected, with no money returned.

Police found more than 1,300 similar cases had been reported from November

2016 to April 2017, with victims across the country.

With the help of police in Shandong Province, the gang was arrested in late May in Liaocheng City, Shandong.

Twenty of the suspects will face fraud charges, said Li.

Police catch 808 in major Internet financial fraud case

Police in central China's Hubei Province have raided an Internet fraud gang and detained 808 members, making it the largest online financial fraud group uncovered in China.

The public security bureau in Wuhan, Hubei's capital, said on Tuesday that the group used both telecommunication networks and illegal Internet finance websites to attract investors to its stock and futures schemes.

Its 800-plus members worked in office buildings pretending to be securities clerks.

In a coordinated operation, more than 1,000 police officers raided the gang's 10 sites in Wuhan, seizing evidence of fraud, including 800 computers, 2,000 mobile phones and 3,000 bank cards.

The police investigation found that the gang started setting up a number of firms in 2015 and recruited professionals to provide securities analysis and consulting services on financial products including stocks, futures, precious metals and foreign exchange trading.

The exact amount of funds involved is unknown at this time as the investigation is still under way.

Gas poisoning kills 9 at home reservoir construction site

Nine people have died after a gas leak at a construction site on Monday in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, authorities said Tuesday.

Investigation results said the toxic gas was produced under high temperature

after the reservoir was closed for 32 days.

The leak was discovered when a man, identified by his surname Huang, lost consciousness around 9 a.m. Monday while working in reservoir pit at his home in Tangna Village, Pingguo County.

Eight villagers who attempted to rescue him also fell unconscious.

The nine were rushed to hospital, where they later died despite medical attention.