

## Fujitsu Joins Forces with RAF100 Appeal as One of Its Headline Sponsors to Celebrate the Royal Air Force's 100th Anniversary

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**London, October 26, 2017** – Fujitsu's Duncan Tait, CEO, SEVP and Head of Americas and EMEIA, has signed an agreement with [RAF100](#) Appeal to become a Headline sponsor to celebrate the Royal Air Force's centennial anniversary in 2018. Marking a century as the world's first independent air force – a nationally and internationally significant milestone – 2018 will see an exciting collection of commemorative and celebratory events planned which will take centre stage in the national consciousness.

Simon Collins, Chairman of the RAF100 Appeal, stated: "The RAF100 Appeal is delighted to welcome Fujitsu as a Headline sponsor to support the charitable aims of the RAF100 Appeal and help celebrate the RAF's Centenary. The RAF and the four major RAF charities are combining as one for this unique moment in history to commemorate the past 100 years since the formation of the RAF and look forward with confidence to a future of hope and opportunity for the entire RAF family."

The RAF 100 Appeal is an initiative to inspire the next generation through a range of engaging programmes which aim to ignite curiosity in engineering, as well as expand the coverage of their aerospace STEM projects. This is taking place in a number of ways:

- By enhancing the range of scholarships and university bursaries available for young people to enter the professional world of aviation and aerospace, with an accent on attracting those from under-privileged backgrounds
- Providing a range of 21st Century aerospace training facilities and equipment to enhance the cadet and scholar experience and qualifications
- Educating children and providing a safe, secure environment for their development through the provision of play parks and childcare centres
- Providing a social network through youth clubs that allows RAF children of all ages to make friends with others experiencing similar challenges
- Inspiring interest in the RAF's heritage and helping young people understand the impact of the RAF in the world
- Providing a large increase in the number of flying experience and training opportunities to cadets and scholars

Because Fujitsu is a strong advocate for enhancing young people's involvement in STEM subjects as key area of national need, Fujitsu is one of five companies, from across various sectors, to be a main headline sponsor. As a Headline sponsor, Fujitsu wants to help celebrate the past, present and future of the UK's RAF.

By helping commemorate those brave individuals who have shaped the RAF, it wants to help the RAF inspire the next generation to become a part of its future by pursuing a career in these STEM focus areas.

## Notes to editors

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