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THREE SAAB GRIPENS ARRIVE AT THE KAIVOPUISTO AIR SHOW

Three Saab JAS 39 Gripen multi-role fighters participate in the Kaivopuisto Air Show 9.6.2017. Saab is offering the next-generation Gripen E -fighter to succeed the Hornet as the main fighter of the Finnish Air Force as part of the HX program.

The Gripen will be seen for the first time in the skies above Helsinki in June, at the Kaivopuisto Air Show. The Gripen flew its maiden flight in 1988, and it entered operational use in the Swedish Air Force in 1997. The candidate to replace the Finnish Air Force Hornet is the newest version, the Gripen E, which has its maiden flight due this year. In addition to Sweden, the Gripen fighter is used by the air forces of Czech Republic, Hungary, South Africa and Thailand. The Brazilian Air Force has also placed an order for 36 next-generation Gripen E/F -fighters.

"On the 99. Anniversary of the Finnish Air Force, we announced the participation of the Saab Draken, a fighter that has served a long period in the Finnish Air Force, in the Kaivopuisto Air Show. We now have the pleasure to announce, that three Swedish Air Force Gripens will also arrive in the Show celebrating Finland's 100th Anniversary," says **Anders Gardberg**, the Country Manager of Saab in Finland.

"We wish to participate in celebrating the history of Finnish Aviation. Will the Gripens be seen in the skies also as part of the future? That is for the Finland to decide in the course of the HX program, which is run with exceptional professionalism", Anders Gardberg continues.

Yesterday, 2.4.2017 Saab celebrated its own 80th Anniversary. Saab has, during its 80 years of aviation history, designed over 15 different aircraft types and produced over 5000 aircraft.

More information on the HX Program: <http://ilmailumuseo.fi/en/hx/>

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The Kaivopuisto Air Show is a huge, free-of-charge, aviation-themed event, organized by the Finnish Aviation Museum. The Show will be held on Friday Night, 9.6.2017. Various aircraft types representing the past, present and future of Finnish Aviation will take part in the Show. The Show will take place in the air, land and sea. Partners of the event include BAE Systems, Finavia, Finnair, Saab AB, SEK, The Finnish Aeronautical Association and the City of Vantaa.

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The Finnish Aviation Museum is a national special museum, it has the largest aeronautical collection in Finland. Finnish aviation and planes either designed or used by Finns are at the heart of the collection. The Finnish Aviation Museum is an active and interactive Museum up to international standards. The museum is located near the Helsinki-Vantaa airport and can easily be reached by several means of transport. The Finnish Aviation Museum is owned by the Finnish Aviation Museum Foundation.

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