

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Aircraft Accident Investigation and Inquiry Board
Aircraft Incident Report

BASIC INFORMATION

Aircraft Registration No.	:	RP-C8204
Make/Model	:	Cessna 152
Owner/Operator	:	Sun Aviation Inc. / Flight Simulator and Training (FAST)
Address	:	AACP Hangar No. 2 General Aviation Area Domestic Road, Pasay City
Date/Time of Incident	:	May 11, 2008/ 9:40 AM
Type of Operation	:	Flight Training
Phase of Operation	:	Landing
Type of Incident	:	(Hard landing) collapsed nose wheel landing gear
Place of Incident	:	Lingayen, Pangasinan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 11, 2008, on or about 9:40 AM, RPC-8204, a Cessna 152 type of aircraft took off at Lingayen Airport for the regular flight training of Indian Student Pilot Nachiketa Shankarlal Raval under Capt. Sherwin R. Nocos, instructor pilot of Flight Simulator and Training Inc.

The student pilot was doing the normal pattern for her touch and go and on her final landing made two bounces. Approaching on her third bounce, the Flight Instructor advised her through the radio to make a go around procedure and to exercise caution and maintain a back pressure control. When she approached on her final leg and about to touch down, the nose wheel of the aircraft was already tilted slightly to the left which caused the aircraft to skid on right wing and the nose wheel collapsed.

Immediately the flight instructor and the people at the airport rushed to the site and helped the student get off the aircraft. She was taken to the hospital to check on body injuries. Fortunately, there was none and she was finally discharged on the same day.

PROBABLE CAUSE

Investigator disclosed that the aircraft skidded due to the damaged nose wheel gear caused by the trainee's prior aborted landing.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATION

Rigid inspection of the aircraft by the maintenance crew should be closely supervised and strictly monitored/double checked by the pilot before any attempt to fly it is undertaken or conducted. Operators/owners of flying school should, likewise, do the same and scrutinize the qualifications/background of their maintenance personnel.

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