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MALAYSIA SET TO BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GLOBAL AEROSPACE SUPPLY CHAIN

1. Malaysia continues to strengthen its position at the global aerospace arena through its participation at the Singapore Airshow 2018. Malaysia's presence at Asia's largest aerospace and defence event is important to highlight and promote our capabilities, world class infrastructure and aerospace eco-system to the world. As an emerging aerospace outsourcing destination in South East Asia, Malaysia aims to attract quality aerospace investments as well as developing strategic partnership with global aerospace players.
2. The Malaysian Pavilion hosted by the National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) will showcase Malaysia's capability and strength as part of the global aerospace supply chain. The Pavilion highlights an inter-agency collaboration between NAICO, SME Corporation Malaysia, Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), Invest Selangor and Malaysian aerospace industry players namely Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA), Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB), Aerospace Malaysia Innovation Centre (AMIC), Asia AeroTechnic and Aviation Group.
3. The Malaysian delegation also includes 18 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) currently being groomed by SME Corporation Malaysia under the Economic Transformation Program (ETP) known as Entry Point Project No 8 (EPP8): Developing SMEs in the Global Aerospace Manufacturing Industry Programme. The SMEs will be exposed to the dynamic and evolving nature of the aerospace sector globally, and will have the opportunity to position themselves to address future needs of the global aerospace industry.
4. With more than 50 Malaysian delegates participating in the Airshow from 6 - 11 February 2018, the Deputy Secretary General (Industry), MITI, Datin K. Talagavathi said, "Malaysia's presence in international aerospace events have been promising and gaining momentum in recent years. The increase in demand for Malaysia to cater to the growing global market has prompted us to accelerate our capabilities development in order to remain competitive at the global level".
5. She added that NAICO has been aggressively promoting the development of the Malaysian aerospace industry based on the Malaysian Aerospace Industry Blueprint 2030. Since the implementation of the blueprint, Malaysia has secured several new projects through its local champions namely UMW Aerospace and CTRM Aero Composites. The products to be delivered from Malaysia by these companies include Engine Fan Casing for Rolls-Royce and A350 Fan Cowl.



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6. A number of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) exchanges will be held at the Malaysia Pavilion between Malaysian aerospace players and their global partners. Among the exchange include:
 - i) Malaysia Airport Holdings Berhad (MAHB) and Axis – REIT focusing on building an industrial manufacturing facility for Senior Aerospace UPECA at the Subang Aerotech Park;
 - ii) MAHB with Skyways Technics, a company based in Denmark with over 30 years of maintenance experience in ATR aircrafts. The MoA focuses on collaboration efforts to facilitate Skyways Technics expansion plan within the Malaysia Airports aerospace ecosystem spanning the Subang Aerotech Park; and
 - iii) MAHB with Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA) to support positioning of Subang as Regional Business Aviation Hub under Subang Regeneration Exercise.

7. NAICO and MITI agencies namely MIDA, MATRADE and SME Corporation Malaysia will continue to facilitate the implementation of all projects that will contribute to attracting more aerospace investments, accelerate export of aerospace products and services, enhancement of the local supply chain and talent development.

8. Malaysia's active participation in the Singapore Airshow 2018 shows our commitment in becoming an integral part of the global aerospace eco-system. Our aim is to promote the Malaysian aerospace industry globally and to further develop our local supply chain comprising both international and local industry players. Malaysia also desires to bring in cutting-edge technology to the country in line with the country's Industry 4.0 initiative towards enhancing Malaysia's competitiveness at the global arena.

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About MITI:

MITI is the key driver in making Malaysia the preferred destination for quality investments and enhancing the nation's rising status as a globally competitive trading nation. Its objectives and roles are oriented towards ensuring Malaysia's rapid economic development and help achieve the country's stated goal of becoming a developed nation by 2020.

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