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MALAYSIA FLYING HIGH AT THE THE SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2018

1. The Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) today announced that Malaysia had an eventful participation at the Singapore Airshow 2018. The week long Airshow which ended on 11 February, brought together global aerospace players to network, exhibit and converge new product ideas, transfer of knowledge and training capabilities, among others. The Head of National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO), Shamsul Kamar Abu Samah said that Malaysia's aim at participating in the Airshow was to showcase its current aerospace eco-system under the Malaysia Pavilion while promoting industry partnerships and he was proud to say that goal was accomplished.
2. A total of 2 Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) and 2 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were exchanged between Malaysia Airport Holdings Berhad's (MAHB) and several of its partners. The MoA with Axis REIT Real Investment Trust (Axis-REIT) is to develop a built-to-suit industrial manufacturing facility for Senior Aerospace UPECA and with Skyways Technics' on expansion plan to develop a new facility in the MRO Center at the Subang Aerotech Park. The MoU's were with Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA), an association representing approximately 150 business and general aviation across the region, with the aim for them to provide crucial industry knowledge on related key development issues, identification of business opportunities, assessment and recommendation to strengthen and make Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport an attractive destination for the aviation business. Meanwhile, the MoU with MARA Corporation will focus on partnership to facilitate human capital development for KLIA Aeropolis.
3. On another occasion, the French Aerospace Industries Association (GIFAS) hosted a MoU exchange between Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Aviation Technology (UniKL-MIAT) and GMI Aero of France. The MoU will further strengthen UniKL-MIAT's Industrialmanship and Teaching Factory setup. GMI Aero is a French SME focusing on the development of composite repair solutions, namely equipment and methodologies for composite manufacturing, maintenance and repair, mainly for the aerospace industry, offering a complete range of control equipment and instrumentation, engineering solutions, training and field assistance services.
4. A total of 18 Malaysian SMEs participated in the Airshow and recorded a potential sales of RM14 million from their participation. The SMEs are part of the EPP8: Developing SMEs in the Global Aerospace Manufacturing Industry Programme under SME Corporation Malaysia. These companies were identified to be further developed as part of the Government's initiative to expand the local aerospace supply chain. Throughout the event, the SMEs participated in business networking meeting with major industry players.



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5. Another notable event was then Seminar on “Opportunities & Investments in the Malaysian Aerospace Industry”, a collaborative effort between the National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and the Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA). Apart from highlighting the Government’s aerospace initiatives, the seminar also discuss current developments by leading aerospace players in Malaysia including development of world class aerospace parks. The seminar was well attended by aerospace companies from various countries.
6. MITI through NAICO and its agencies namely MIDA, Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) and SME Corp. Malaysia will continue to promote the aerospace eco-system in partnership with industry players. This concerted effort will enable Malaysia to achieve targets set under the Malaysian Aerospace Industry Blueprint to position Malaysia as the leading aerospace nation in the region and an integral part of the global market by 2030.

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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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