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**MITI HIGHLIGHTS MALAYSIAN AEROSPACE  
STRENGTHS AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST AEROSPACE TRADE EVENT**

*Malaysian aerospace companies are set to showcase their capabilities to potential global buyers  
at Paris Air Show 2019*

**TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2019, KUALA LUMPUR:** Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) through Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) is pushing to expand the footprint of Malaysian companies in the aerospace industry by spearheading their participation in the world's largest aerospace trade event - 53rd International Paris Air Show (IPAS) 2019. The event takes place in Le Bourget, France from 17-23 June 2019.

Malaysia's participation in IPAS is led by YB Datuk Darell Leiking, Minister of International Trade & Industry (MITI). The effort aims to explore partnership opportunities for Malaysian companies with international Tier 1 & Tier 2 suppliers as well as the Original Equipment Manufacturers in the aerospace manufacturing and services sector. Among the focus areas within the sectors are manufacturing of precision parts and components, engineering services as well as maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services.

A total of 40 Malaysian delegations from 15 organisations and companies are taking part in IPAS and among them are Composites Technology Research Malaysia (CTRM), UMW Aerospace, Jecmetal Industries, Sapura Aerospace Technologies and Curge Advance. During the mission, the companies will be matched with various aerospace industry players through networking sessions and business meetings. The companies' engagements are being coordinated by MATRADE.

At a ribbon cutting ceremony of Malaysian pavilion, YB Minister Datuk Darell Leiking said the Malaysian companies' presence at IPAS will provide an avenue for them to be introduced to key global aerospace players. YB Datuk Seri Redzuan Yusof, Minister of Entrepreneur Development (MED) was also present at the ceremony.



“Currently, South-East Asia has a dynamic aerospace industry and Malaysia is well positioned to capitalise from this development. Malaysia is now home to more than 230 aerospace companies and the numbers keep growing. This is a catalyst to a vibrant local ecosystem, and a strong world demand for Malaysian products or services means the growth of the Malaysian companies can be accelerated. This ultimately will benefit the Malaysian community through various economic values such as job creations and local supply chain development,” Darell said.

Prior to the event, Darell also hosted a networking cocktail reception which was attended by the key players of foreign aerospace companies and Malaysian delegation. In his speech, Darell provided an update on Malaysian aerospace industry and shared that the Malaysian government is actively promoting the development of the industry to the global business community.

In 2018, Malaysia’s exports of aerospace parts and components recorded an increase of 20.7 per cent to reach RM8.48 billion. In the same year, imports increased by 26.2 per cent to reach RM15.91 billion. Malaysia’s main export destinations were United States of America (USA), United Kingdom, France, China and Singapore. Meanwhile, major import sources in 2018 were France, USA, Netherlands, China and Singapore.

Dato’ Wan Latiff Wan Musa, MATRADE Chief Executive Officer added “Malaysia is at the forefront of several markets, particularly in aero composites manufacturing, as well as aircraft components design and manufacturing. There is a need to promote these capabilities to the world and through the leadership of MITI, MATRADE, National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO) and Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA) are joining forces to develop the industry and integrate the local players in the global supply chain”.

“MIDA is making the efforts to promote quality investments to Malaysia that can facilitate the introduction of cutting-edge technology to the country and grow the local ecosystem. MATRADE on the other hand will promote this burgeoning local industry to the global partners through various export promotion initiatives,” Wan Latiff shared.



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Besides IPAS, MATRADE has been coordinating Malaysian aerospace companies participation in key aerospace events in Farnborough, Dubai, Montreal, Seattle and Singapore. Complementing this is MATRADE's own signature event, the Kuala Lumpur International Aerospace Business Convention (KLIABC) that is held every two years.

The biennial IPAS is organised by GIFAS, the French Aerospace Industries Association. During the last edition, more than 140,000 trade visitors and almost 2,400 exhibitors made the Air Show the biggest event of its kind worldwide.

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### **About MATRADE**

The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) was established on March 1, 1993 as the external trade promotion arm of Malaysia's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). Its functions are:

- To promote, assist and develop Malaysia's external trade with particular emphasis on the export of manufactured and semi-manufactured products and services;
- To formulate and implement export marketing strategies and trade promotion activities to promote Malaysia's export;
- To undertake commercial intelligence and market research and create a comprehensive database of information for the improvement and development of Malaysia's trade;
- To organise training programmes to improve the international marketing skills of Malaysian exporters;
- To enhance and protect Malaysia's international trade investment abroad; and

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- To promote, facilitate and assist in the services areas related to trade.



Promotion of Malaysian aerospace companies at Paris Air Show 2019 will support the inclusion of local players in the global supply chain.



YB Datuk Darell Leiking launched the Malaysia Pavilion at Paris Air Show 2019.





YB Datuk Darell Leiking leads the mission to promote Malaysian aerospace industry strengths at Paris Air Show 2019.