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AIROD SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH SHINMAYWA

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 18 (Bernama) -- Airod Sdn Bhd today signed an agreement with ShinMaywa Industries Ltd of Japan to cooperate in the fabrication and assembly of aircraft parts and components for the Boeing 777, McDonnell Douglas MD 11 and Grumman Gulfstream executive jet.

Under the agreement signed in the presence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, ShinMaywa will assist in training Airod personnel, Airod said in a statement issued at the signing ceremony.

The training included that for metal parts machining, sheet metal sub-assembly and assembly, and fabrication and lamination of parts and components using composite material.

ShinMaywa will also be responsible for quality control, certification procedures, costing and final production quantities.

For the venture, Airod will restructure its main power resources and invest in building and equipment estimated at US\$50 million (RM125 million) in the next two to three years, the statement said.

Airod, an aircraft maintenance company, is now controlled by the PJS Industries group and ShinMaywa, one of the Boeing Company's prime vendors, is also involved in aircraft maintenance. -- BERNAMA

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