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MAS AEROTECHNOLOGIES, A BOOST FOR AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 7 (Bernama) -- In a bold move towards lifting Malaysia's fledgling aerospace industry to greater heights, Malaysia Airlines (MAS) today officially launched MAS Aerotechnologies Sdn Bhd.

The establishment of MAS Aerotechnologies was an attempt to accelerate the pace of progress of the Malaysian aviation and aerospace industry, MAS chairman Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli said at the launching.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched the company, formerly the engineering division of MAS, in Subang, near here.

"Our new subsidiary, MAS Aerotechnologies, will accelerate our services expansion beyond maintenance and overhaul into a broad range of services and products," Tajudin said.

The company will achieve this by combining the skills of its trained personnel with some of the most sophisticated technology available to build a solid platform for the development of the aviation and aerospace industry.

Its capability to service the Boeing 737 aircraft, of which MAS is the largest operator outside the United State, is world renowned.

MAS Aerotechnologies hopes to achieve a revenue of RM1 billion by the year 2000.

Tajudin also said technology would become the commodity that would help to drive the economy of the future and owners and creators of the technologiess would use them to enhance their global competitiveness.

Hence, there was a need to promote a more integrated process of production through strengthening inter-industry linkages, he added.

Tajudin said MAS would continue to use the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang after the completion of the KL International Airport in Sepang.

"Several of our activities, including heavy maintenance and technical training of our engineers and technical crew, will continue to be conducted at Subang," he added. -- BERNAMA

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