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KITPLANE FLYING CLUBS TO BE SET UP UNDER RAKAN MUDA PROGRAMME

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Kitplane enthusiasts will soon be able to join kitplane flying clubs to be set up under the Rakan Muda programme, Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said that three aeronautical engineering graduates of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, three members of local flying clubs and a member of the Malaysian Experimental Aircraft Association will leave tomorrow for a five-week attachment at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) aviation centre in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

They will undergo a programme on designing, construction and flying of kitplanes and become instructors when the Rakan Muda kitplane flying clubs are set up, he said at the handing over of the Malaysian flag to them.

Muhyiddin said that they would construct kitplanes for the purpose and they are expected to be ready by the end of the year.

He said that facilities at the Royal Malaysian Air Force station in Sungai Besi will be used for the construction of the kitplanes. Each kitplane will cost between RM60,000 and RM70,000.

Muhyiddin said that the programme was approved by the Cabinet in August last year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who visited the Oshkosh Airshow last year, has a special interest in the programme, he added. --

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