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Aviation training centre in the offing

KONSORTIUM Professional Dan Saintis Sdn Bhd (Kompas), Asas Teraju Sdn Bhd and Serco-IAL Training Sdn Bhd/Serco-IAL Ltd of the UK have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that will pave the way for the creation of aviation training centre in Malaysia.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad witnessed the signing during his tour around the aerospace exhibition venue of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (Lima '97) yesterday.

According to a statement issued by Kompas, the MOU is to pursue the creation of an Aviation Centre of training excellence in the country.

In conjunction with other interested parties, the intention is to develop an aviation training centre covering such disciplines as air traffic control, ground engineering airport management, operations and ground-handling.

Dr Mahathir, who was at the aerospace booths after a hectic morning schedule at the maritime segment of Lima '97, also gave his blessing to Streak Shadow, a two place tandem seat light aircraft.

The light aircraft was locally manufactured by SGT Industries Malaysia Sdn Bhd through collaboration with CFM Aircraft Ltd of the UK.

The first Streak Shadow flew in 1983, and there are now over 400 Shadows flyin in over 40 countries throughout the world.

Dr Mahathir spent about three hours at the aerospace site to view static displays and tour around the booths, which include the Airbus Industry, British Aerospace, Abrar Aviation Supplies, Rolls-Royce, and Denel Pty Ltd of South Africa, the manufacturer of Rooivalk attack helicopter.

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