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Firm calls for basic flying education for schoolchildren

MYHH Hobby Centre Sdn Bhd of Kedah, the manufacturer of remote control aeromodel, has proposed to the Education Ministry to include using of aeromodel as basic flying education in school's curriculum.

Its managing director, Encik Mohd Yusuf Hassan, said such education using the remote control aeromodel will generate greater interest in flying among students.

"Furthermore, controlling the remote control aeromodel is almost similar to flying an actual aircraft.

"The schools' administration also need not spend a lot of money. It only needs to spend about RM1,000 for such aeromodel and its equipment," he said in an interview in Langkawi yesterday. MYHH Hobby Centre is currently taking part in the inaugural five-day Langkawi Oshkosh East Fly-In convention and exhibition which ends on Friday.

Mohd Yusuf also said the company had submitted a proposal to the Education Ministry recently but has yet to receive any response.

He said the company had signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with OK Model Co Ltd of Osaka, Japan on the possibility of expanding cooperation in producing aeromodel during the official opening of the Langkawi Oshkosh East Fly-In.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad officiated at the convention and exhibition which modelled after the established Oshkosh Fly-In in Wisconsin, US.

The MOU will allow MYHH Hobby Centre to use the facilities at OK Model factory in Japan for mass production of the aeromodel.

Mohd Yusuf said the product manufactured in OK Model factory will still be categorised as a Malaysian product because the design is produced by MYHH Hobby Centre, with assistance from OK Model. He also said the company will produce two type of models which will be named after Dr Mahathir and his vision 2020. The models will be named as MM2020 Junior P (for remote control aeroplane) and MM2020 H (helicopter).

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