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FLYING CLUB RECEIVES ONE MORE LIGHT PLANE FOR LANGKAWI SHOW

LANGKAWI, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- The American-built Merlin GT kit-plane, recently acquired by the Langkawi Flying Club, will be among the four aircraft taking part in the Langkawi Fly-In here this July.

The club's deputy president Mansor Ismail said today the RM150,000 ultralight plane was a gift from Le Proton Sdn Bhd for pilot training and aerial displays.

The two-seater plane, capable of 150km per hour and non-stop flying up to four hours, is now being assembled at the club, in preparation for the July show.

Mansor said with the latest addition, the club now has four aircraft, the other three of microlight type, namely the GT500, MXL Twin and MXL single, which Prime Minister Datuk Sri Dr Mahathir, who is the club's patron, launched last year.

Mansor said the club would use the four aircraft for the Langkawi Fly-in, as a curtain raiser for the Lima '97 in December.

The world's light aircraft of various makes would take part in the show, which would be held at the Langkawi International Airport here, he said.

He said the club was at present working with the Civil Aviation Department and Mofaz Air to speed up assembling the plane for the show.

According to him, the club is also considering the use of kit-plane for the air service link between Langkawi and Pedu Lake, because of suitability for landing on water. -- BERNAMA

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