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KLIA RUNWAY ONE IS GROOVED TO ENHANCE AIRCRAFT TYRE GRIP

SEPANG, June 9 (Bernama) - The newly completed Runway One at KL International Airport here is grooved to tighten aircraft tyre grip during landing and taking off, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

The groove system for the airport runway was proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the KLIA management, he said.

The runway was grooved using special machines and it would also prevent water from clogging after heavy rain, he said after inspecting works at the airport here.

Dr Ling also checked the Malaysia Airlines (MAS) campus at the airport as well as the car parks.

He said the two car parks at the airport would have a total of 12,600 bays and of these 6,300 bays would be for short duration parking.

The short duration car park would have check-in facilities, baggage management service, bus depots and a food court, he said.

Dr Ling said test landings at Runway One would begin on Oct 15.

Dr Ling, who is also MCA President, urged the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) to investigate what he called the frequent fund raising campaigns organised by opposition parties.

According to Dr Ling, opposition parties collected donations from their members or from groups sympathetic towards their cause each time they needed a lot of money for certain purposes.

"Unfortunately the collections did not have proper accounts and probably the actual collections exceed the amount publicly announced," he said.

He said this when expressing support for acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's call that the fight against corruption should also involve all Barisan Nasional component parties.

Dr Ling said it should also involve leaders of opposition parties.

"I hope the ACA will not concentrate only on BN parties and government officers in its fight against corruption," he said.

"Abuse of public money can also occur among leaders of opposition parties particularly when they hold on-the-spot fund raising drives for certain purposes... when the total amount collected did not have proper accounts," he added. -- BERNAMA

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