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KLIA TEST RUN EXPECTED TO PROCEED DESPITE THE HAZE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 10 (Bernama) -- The first test run to be conducted at the new RM9 billion Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) next week is expected to proceed despite the current haze situation.

Kuala Lumpur International Airport Berhad (KLIAB) coordinator for the trial run, Hamrin Buang said he was confident that the haze would not pose any problem or delay the scheduled test run.

He said that the landing of a Boeing 747 would be the highlight of the commencement of basic trial at the airport which is expected to start commercial operations during the first quarter of next year.

KLIA's basic trial has been fixed to begin on Monday and the advance trial on Dec 15.

The dry run will be witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed and Cabinet ministers who will also observe progress of works at the airport.

"Hopefully, the Boeing 747 will be able to land on that day to mark the commence occasion" he said.

However, he said that the final decision to land would be made on the day itself, depending on the situation as safety would be given priority.

Hamrin said the KLIAB is working closely with Malaysia Airports Berhad, Malaysia Airlines, the Department of Civil Aviation and the Meteorological Services Department regarding the landing.

Asked whether landings will be conducted every day during the dry run, he said the landing testing would be carried out on an independent basis.

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