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MALAYSIA AIRLINES BUYS BOEING BUSINESS JET

LANGKAWI, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Malaysia Airlines today ordered from the American Boeing company a B737-700 business jet aircraft for delivery in December 1999.

The deal, concluded in conjunction with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA '97), was signed by MAS managing director Datuk Wan Malek Ibrahim and Borge Boeskov, president of Boeing Business Jet.

Prime minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and MAS chairman Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli witnessed the signing.

"The business jet is part of our continuous efforts to provide complete a travel package to our customers," said Wan Malek.

"As more and more Malaysian companies become global, the potential of corporate travel is enormous."

MAS gave no price for the aircraft.

Dr Mahathir also witnessed two other signing agreements later. An agreement between Aviation Blade Services Inc of the US and Plus and Plus Technologies Sdn Bhd would pave the way for the setting up of a domestic joint venture to repair and service helicopter blades.

Aviation Blade was represented by its president, David M Stutesm, while Plus and Plus by its chairman Khalid Emran Yusof.

The other agreement, between Dectra Sdn Bhd and Mincom Pty Ltd, offers the domestic military forces automated logistics systems.

Executive director of Dectra Mej Gen (Rtd) Datuk Ahmad Ibrahim and Mincom's director for International Defence Business, Des Scherman, signed the agreement.

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