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NEW AIRPORT:KEDAH NOT STOPPING OTHER STATES TO BUILD TOO

ALOR SETAR, July 8 (Bernama) -- Kedah will support any other states lobbying the federal government to build their own international airports, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said today.

In fact, Kedah's support for such a move would not affect the construction of its proposed international airport, the state's second, on the Kuala Muda reclamation area, already approved by the federal government, he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad had given the approval for the project and had directed its implementation be expedited, Sanusi told reporters after opening the Alor Star EON Bank Branch here.

He was commenting on Pulau Pinang's request that the federal government consider approving the construction of a new international airport on the island.

Sanusi said Kedah's proposed second international airport, when completed, would be complementary to Pulau Pinang's Bayan Lepas International Airport and the Langkawi International Airport in meeting civil aviation requirements of the peninsular northern region.

"We are confident that this international airport will improve service and meet future requirements," he said.

Earlier in speech, Sanusi urged financial institutions to offer the rural public complete information on the interest-free banking scheme (IFBS).

He said many villagers had the misconception that they would not be liable to legal action for defaulting on their loans since the scheme did not charge interest.-- BERNAMA

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