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Plan for aviation training centre

A MALAYSIAN Aviation Centre of Training Excellence to provide training in air traffic control, ground engineering, airport management, operations and ground handling will be set up soon.

The Government-led initiative is aimed at improving aviation training and to save cost.

Konsortium Professional and Saintis (M) Sdn Bhd, Asas Teraju Holdings Sdn Bhd and Serco-IAL Training Sdn Bhd signed a memorandum-of-understanding with Serco-IAL Ltd of United Kingdom on Thursday.

The signatories were Kompas director Idris Mohd, Serco Malaysia managing director Keith Thompson and Asas Teraju chairman Noh Omar.

It was witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre, the venue of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace show.

Idris said Serco-IAL had 50 years of aviation experience and could boost aviation training standards.

"Malaysian aviation companies have complained about the increasing cost of training," he said, adding the centre would help to overcome this problem.

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