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AGONG TO OPEN KLIA ON JUNE 29

PETALING JAYA, May 10 (Bernama) -- The brand-new Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) at Sepang will be fully operational midnight June 29 after its official opening by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be delivering a keynote address at the opening ceremony.

Also from midnight that day, the KLIA will take over the functions of the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport at Subang.

Preparations for the transfer of commercial aviation activities from Subang began 30 months ago with the help of a German consultancy, Ling said.

Ling was approached by reporters on the KLIA'S opening after attending Wesak Day prayers at Kwan Inn Teng temple here.

He said the airport at Subang would be maintained as an air force base besides having a civil aviation training school and an aerospace industrial park for aerospace and aviation companies such as AIROD Sdn Bhd.

It would also serve as a centre for Haj flights and exhibitions because of the large expanse of space there, he said.

He said the relevant authorities were also working out a plan to use the Subang airport for limited domestic flights for Subang and Petaling Jaya-bound passengers.

Discussions on this were on-going and a decision was expected soon, Ling added.

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