

27 JUN 1998

QUOTES ON KL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 27 (Bernama) -- Quotes on KL International Airport (KLIA) officially opened tonight:

"The official opening of KLIA records a significant milestone in Malaysia's quest for meaningful development. It is a visible manifestation of the nation's vision for the next century - a vision that embodies growth and progress amidst sustainable development."

-- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad

"Once operational, KLIA would act as the future of all airports in the world. From the looks of it, Malaysia has really stepped way ahead of other existing and even developing airports. Malaysians should be very proud of this impressive infrastructure success."

- Jack Adelman, Asst Director Airport Services, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

"KLIA is not just another piece of transport infrastructure, it is an investment to secure Kuala Lumpur as a successful gateway of the 21st century."

-- Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

"We have in KLIA an architectural and environmental masterpiece. Our challenge is in adding soul to it and turning it into a standard bearer for air travellers of the future, enhanced by the warmth and hospitality that is uniquely Malaysia."

-- Tan Sri Basir Ismail, chairman of Malaysia Airports Berhad that manages KLIA.

"For many of us, it was a chance in a lifetime and a privilege to be cherished. Never in our lives would we have encountered such a challenge; and perhaps, we never will."

-- Datuk Ir Jamilus Hussein, managing director of KL International Airport Berhad (KLIAB) which built the airport in a record time of four and the half years.

-- BERNAMA
TM SK