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KOTA BAHARU AIRPORT TO HAVE NEW TERMINAL

KOTA BAHARU, July 22 (Bernama) -- Construction of the new terminal building of the Sultan Ismail Petra airport in Pengkalan Chepa here will begin in September and is expected to be completed in 20 months.

Malaysia Airports Bhd chairman Tan Sri Bashir Ismail said the geometrical-shaped building, costing RM50 million, would have two levels.

"We will also expand the aircraft parking area to enable five B737 planes to be parked at the same time," he said at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new terminal building.

The ceremony was performed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is on a two-day visit to Kelantan.

Bashir said Malaysia Airports would also expand the exit road in front of the building to four lanes to overcome the present congestion.

"I believe the new airport terminal building will become a new landmark in Kelantan and will help to promote development in this district," he said.

The pre-war Sultan Ismail Petra airport, the busiest in the east coast of the peninsula, handles an average of 28 arrivals and departures a day.

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