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Malaysia to host Air Freight Asia 2000

MALAYSIA's bid to showcase its position as a leading cargo hub in Asia will be enhanced when it hosts the Air Freight Asia 2000 conference and exhibition in February.

The conference, organised by regional aircargo trade publication Payload Asia, will be held at the Palace of the Golden Horses at the Mines Resort from Feb 17 to 19, 2000.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver the keynote address, and Malaysia Airlines chairman Tan Sri Tajuddin Ramli will give a welcoming address.

"Dr Mahathir's confirmation to officiate the event re-affirms the Government's role in stimulating Malaysia's position as a leading cargo hub in Asia, which is supported by first-class cargo facilities at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and the expanded cargo activities of the 'official carrier', Malaysia Airlines," organising chairman Nol van Fenema said.

The conference would include a visit to MAS Advanced Cargo Centre and the Kuala Lumpur Airport Services at KLIA.

He said more than 30 companies had booked booth space for the exhibition.

Headed by MASkargo Sdn Bhd, an impressive line-up of the world's leading airports, airlines and aircargo service providers would display their products and services.

MASkargo vice-president (cargo) Ralph Gotz is one of the distinguished speakers. He will speak on "Is air freight back on track to profits?".

Debate on the real issues in cargo alliances was expected when Kiyooki Yamada, Narita Airport Cargo Terminal general manager, and Robert van der Weg, KLM Logistic vice-president, join earlier confirmed speakers, Ludwig Bertsch (Swisscargo) and Peter Gronlund (SAS Cargo), Fenema added.

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