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MAS ON THE VERGE OF DECIDING ON AIRLINES ALLIANCE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysia Airlines (MAS) chairman Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli said today that the national carrier is on the verge of determining which global airlines alliance it would join.

"A decision will be made very, very quickly," he told a press conference after the opening of "Air Freight Asia 2000 conference" by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad near here.

Tajudin said that the decision-making was taking a bit of time as it has to be decided by multiple parties within the alliance.

At present, there are a number of global airlines alliance, including Star Alliance and Wings.

Commenting on the possibility of Thai Airways International Plc joining Northwest-Alitalia-Royal Dutch KLM alliance or Wings, Tajudin said: "You are assuming or telling me that we should join Wings."

"As far as we are concerned, we have not decided and still have options as to which alliance we should join," he said.

Through a global alliance -- a network of global airlines -- passengers would benefit from a seamless air travel while the airlines would benefit from lower cost. -- BERNAMA

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