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Malaysia Airports wins national landscape award

MALAYSIA Airports Holdings Berhad, the operator of Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), recently emerged as one of five recipients of the Special National Landscape Awards 2001.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad presented the award to Malaysia Airports managing director Tan Sri Othman Mohd Rijal at Dataran Putra in Putrajaya in conjunction with National Landscape Day recently.

The award was for its outstanding contributions and commitment in maintaining the country's natural heritage.

Malaysia Airports subsidiary, Malaysia Airports Agriculture and Horticulture Sdn Bhd (MAAH), is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the landscape at the KLIA.

MAAH general manager Mohd Nasir Ismail said the company was proud to be one of the recipients of the award.

Nasir said Malaysia Airports would continue to beautify KLIA in line with its "airport-in-the-forest" concept, and at the same time bring about a greener Malaysia.

According to Nasir, the areas around KLIA were planted with young trees from the forests of Rembau and Senawang, and the FRIM reserve in Kepong.

"About half a million tropical trees, palms, plants, bamboo and shrubs of about 200 to 400 species were transplanted out of Malaysian jungles to create a veritable forest within the airport, occupying 120ha of the land," he said.

The trees comprise indigenous species such as the hopeaoborata (merawan siput jantan), dyera costulata (jelutong), artinothtis callaparia (pinang penawar) and many others.

Meanwhile, another Malaysia Airports subsidiary, Sepang International Circuit Sdn Bhd (SIC), also received accolades from the Festival of International Automobile for having the most beautiful circuit in the world.

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