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AIRBUS SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH CTRM FOR SUPPLIES

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Airbus has extended its industrial cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region with today's signing of an agreement with Composite Technology Research Malaysia (CTRM) for A380 Superjumbo wing components.

The new agreement for fixed leading edge lower panels for the wings of the A380 Superjumbo is expected to strengthen CTRM's position as a key composites supplier within the Airbus supply chain.

The relationship with Airbus commenced in 1999 with earlier agreements covering composites work for the A300 and A320 family of aircraft.

The ceremony took place at the CTRM composites facility in Melaka and was attended by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Airbus executive vice president-procurement, Ray Wilson, today praised Dr Mahathir for his foresight and vision of advance composites structures development in aerospace and other industries.

"We are delighted that CTRM can provide Airbus with a full design and the build service through the design facility at Cyberjaya and composites manufacturing facility in Melaka," he said in a statement released here today.

Airbus's involvement in Malaysia dates back to August 1978 when Malaysia Airlines placed its first order for the A300B4, becoming one of the earliest customers.

In 1989, the carrier placed an order for eight new twin engine widebody A330-300s followed by an additional order for two more aircraft in 1990. --

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