

2ND MALAYSIAN AEROSPACE COUNCIL (MAC) MEETING
FOCUSES ON GENERAL AVIATION
MAC Meeting
07 MAY 2002

Putrajaya, 7 May 2002 - The Malaysian Aerospace Council (MAC) convened its 2nd meeting here today, chaired by its Chairman, Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad.

The meeting focused on the agenda of "Realizing the Aerospace Industry through General Aviation" which proposed for the promotion of General Aviation (GA) in Malaysia.

GA refers to a myriad of diverse and varied aviation activities connected to all airborne crafts except those relating to military, large commercial airline transportation, and space.

Malaysia has already established a start in the area of GA since the mid 1990's with the production of The Eagle aircraft and investment in Lance Air by CTRM.

The Light Aircraft Manufacturing industry is being reviewed as the focus of the nation's GA activities since the cumulative experience in the manufacture of light aircraft has endowed Malaysia with capacity for

- * R&D;
- * Certification; and
- * Marketing, both locally and internationally.

This was further enhanced when Malaysia became the first Asian country to obtain the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification under FAR 23 and the Bilateral Aviation Services Agreement (BASA).

GA has various potentials which can be exploited to spur the development of other areas in the aerospace industry. These include, among others :

- * The creation of critical mass for the comprehensive development of the aerospace industry, since all aviation activities other than large commercial airliners and defence aviation are considered GA. Presently, the number of active GA aircrafts in the country stands at 126, which is higher than the number of operating civil airliners i.e. 100.
- * Large global market and demands for GA aircraft, particularly light aircraft.
- * Enhancement of technological capability.

Background of Malaysian Aerospace Council

MAC is a national level steering and decision-making committee for the development of the aerospace industry in Malaysia. It comes under the Framework for Aerospace Industry in Malaysia and is one of the 45 recommendations contained in the National Aerospace Blueprint.

The objectives of the MAC are:

1. To provide vision, direction and the overall development plan of the national aerospace industry

2. To provide the policy, guidelines and identifying priority areas of activities

3. To act as a think-tank in procurement of supply and technology in aerospace related area

Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) is the secretariat for the Council.

Members of Malaysian Aerospace Council

The Council consists of members from both, public and private sectors, including

* Ministers from the Ministries of Defence, Finance, Transport, Science Technology and the Environment, and Education;

* Chief of Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), Director Generals of Public Works Department, Economic Planning Unit, Department of Civil Aviation and the National Space Agency

* Chairmen of Malaysian Airlines System (MAS), Malaysia Airport Berhad, Airod, Astronautic Technology Sdn Bhd (ATSB), and Malaysian Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA).

(For details, please refer to list of MAC Council)

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