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Rolls-Royce marine division making its debut

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Rolls-Royce will be displaying its broad range of naval marine products for the first time since its participation the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace exhibition in 1991, the year of Lima's inception.

Lima's maritime segment is organised by HW Lima Sdn Bhd and the New Straits Times is the official media for the six-day event, which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officiate on Sept 30.

"Malaysia is an important market for expanding the company's civil and naval businesses," Rolls Royce regional director (Malaysia) David Jones told the NST.

"Rolls-Royce has a significant presence in Malaysia and our aero-engines have been powering Malaysia's military and civil aircraft for over 36 years," he added, saying the Malaysian armed forces were long-standing customers.

The United Kingdom-based manufacturer's applications include the Adour engine, which powers the Royal Malaysia Air Force's fleet of Hawk jets, and the Light Helicopter Turbine Engine Company's (LHTEC) T800-powered Super Lynx, which recently entered service with the Royal Malaysian Navy.

Rolls-Royce has also supplied propulsion and stabilisation equipment for the new RMN Navy frigates KD Lekiu and KD Jebat.

Besides this, Rolls-Royce also supplies water jets to the Royal Malaysian Customs and has a major presence in the commercial marine sector.

National carrier Malaysia Airlines operates a significant number of aircraft which use Rolls-Royce engines: the Trent 800 in the Boeing 777s and RB211 in the Boeing 747s.

Rolls-Royce's marine division is highlighting its ability to create integrated propulsion systems. Examples will feature systems based around its MT30 gas turbine, which this year was selected to power the Integrated Power System Engineering Development Model for the US Navy's DD(X) multimission destroyer programme.

"Navies around the world are looking for partners to help share the risks and rewards of keeping ships and equipment in service," Rolls-Royce president (Marine) Saul Lanyado said.