

Big move important part of plan to streamline operations

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However, it is learnt that the board has not made a final decision on the sale and the move out was to enable the airline to cut costs.

Besides staff consolidation, emptying the 20-odd floors of the building will enable the airline to rent out the premises if the final decision is not to sell.

In a memorandum on Thursday to MAS staff, Idris said the company was operating in four different locations in the Klang Valley and the big move was to consolidate operations.

"We have made every effort to consolidate the business units as much as possible: using existing furniture and partitions, minimising renovations, introducing common discussion areas, and sharing meeting rooms, storage and other office facilities," Idris added.

"This move may cause inconvenience to some staff temporarily, but I am sure you would agree that this is an important part of our business turnaround plan to streamline operations and reduce cost."

He added that the decision to consolidate operations was based on the need to further streamline the operating units' offices so that personnel were less dispersed.

It is aimed at achieving greater efficiencies in terms of reduced travelling between offices to attend meetings, and reduce building maintenance and other support costs.

In this consolidation exercise, all MAS head office staff will be relocated to Subang, except Ticketing Office, Federal Territory Sales, Golden Holidays and Enrich service counters.

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