

RM650M PROJECT

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'KLATCC will propel nation's aviation industry'

SEPANG: The operation of the state-of-the-art Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Control Centre (KLATCC) is timely as it aids the country's economic recovery amid the Covid-19 pandemic and propels the country's aviation industry to be on a par with its global counterparts.

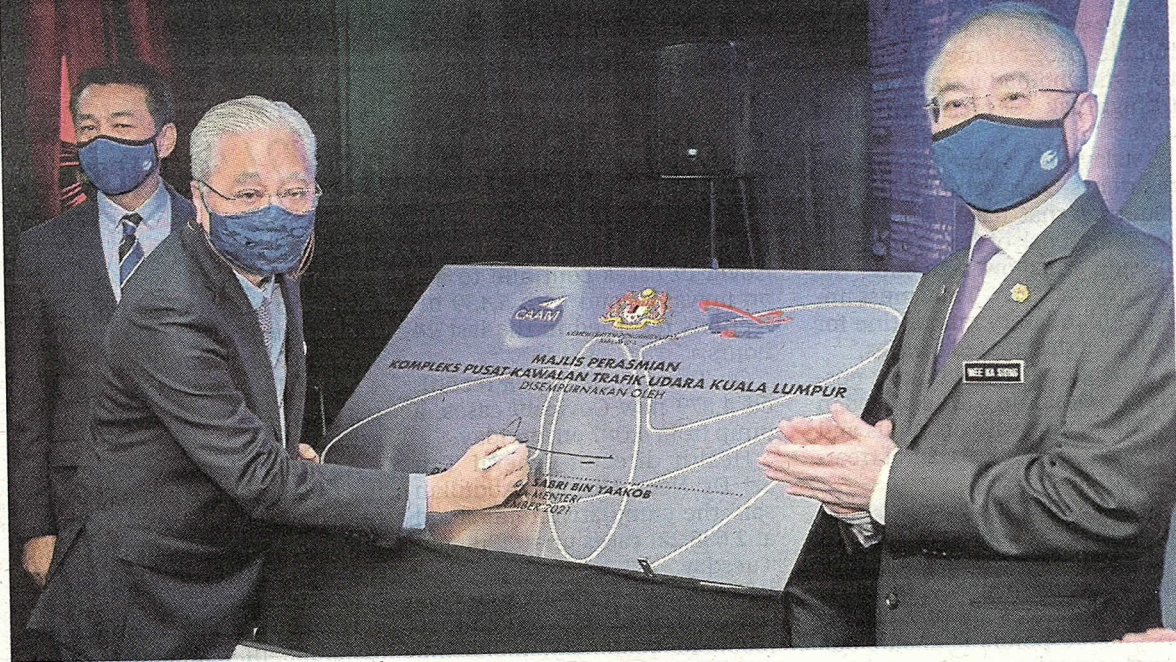
Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said KLATCC, a RM650.366 million development project under the 11th Malaysia Plan, which began in January 2016, housed not only the air traffic services operations for Peninsular Malaysia, but also the National Search-and-Rescue Centre and Joint Airspace Man-

agement Coordination Centre.

"With the existence of the integrated control centre, the country's capabilities and preparedness can be heightened to face the challenging world aviation scenario and greatly support future generations.

"With the new and efficient system and air traffic control equipment, it can elevate the country's air traffic services competency level to be on a par with those of developed countries.

"KLATCC will surely be an important asset to the country to ensure we are able to stand on our own and support the progress and development of other indus-



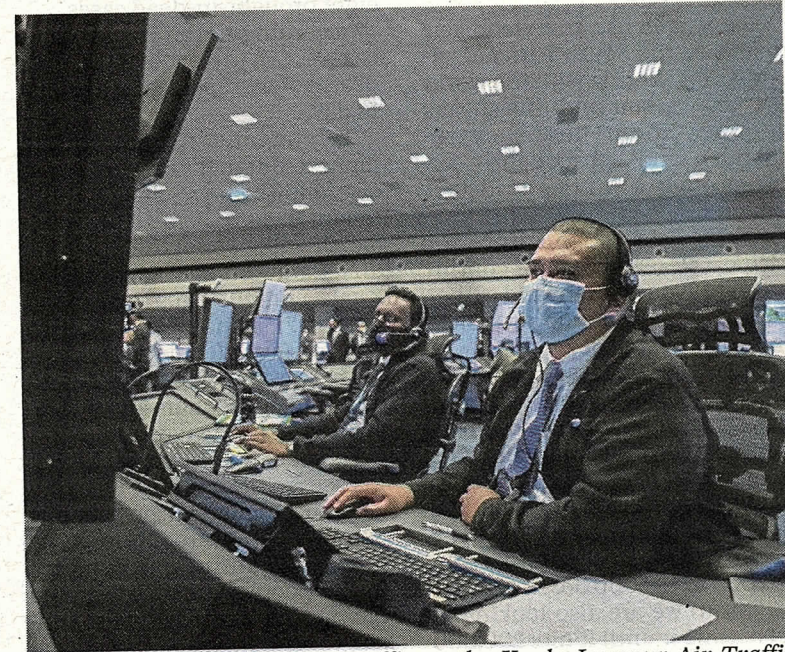
Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob launching the Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Control Centre in Sepang yesterday. PIX BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

tries. It is my hope that the experiences gained will be used to its best and become a guide for the future.

"It will reduce our dependence on the expertise and skills of foreign countries, which will directly reduce the outflow of economic resources in the interest of the country," he said at the centre's launch here yesterday.

The civil aviation sector, he said, was expected to recover by 2025 and he hoped that the opening of the country's borders in the future would boost the sector.

Present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong and Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia chief executive officer Captain Chester Voo.



Officers monitoring the air traffic at the Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Control Centre's main operation room in Sepang yesterday.

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K. Lumpur	5:53	7:03	1:06	4:28	7:03	8:17
Johor Baru	5:41	6:54	12:57	4:20	6:57	8:11
Kuantan	5:46	6:59	1:00	4:23	6:57	8:12
Ipo	5:57	7:07	1:08	4:30	7:03	8:18