

Citing MH370, Malaysia backs first flight-tracking system
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Malaysia will back a flight-tracking system which enables authorities to quickly react to abnormal situations like the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH370 in March last year.

National news agency Bernama quoted Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai as saying the system developed by Australia was the first such system in the world and had potential to further strengthen international aviation sectors.

The system also raised the minimum tracking rate for planes flying over remote oceans to 15 minutes from current intervals of 30 to 40 minutes.

"Prior to this, Malaysia had already proposed to ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) to look into the installation of a real-time air-tracking system on all international commercial flights.

"We received positive response from ICAO and I think they will be implementing it in stages.

"We have to continue to improve the international aviation safety area because we know, after what happened to flights MH17 and MH370, it opened up to the world that the aviation sector needs to further strengthen safety areas," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after attending the Ipoh MCA Chinese New Year celebration at the Red Crescent Society Hall in Ipoh today. – March 1, 2015.

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