

**LIMA'15 A Platform To Generate New Ideas To Improve Aviation Industry - Experts
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- The Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) Exhibition 2015 (LIMA'15), which will begin next Tuesday, is expected to become a platform towards improving the national aviation industry, according to aviation experts.

Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Faculty of Mechanical Engineering senior lecturer Dr Siti Mariam Abdul Rahman said ideas generated through meetings and discussions at LIMA'15 could be further polished and expanded, and eventually used to turn Malaysia into the aviation technology hub for the future.

She said the exhibition would be the best platform for local aviation industry players to showcase their capabilities in the high-tech field, she told Bernama.

"It is also hoped that LIMA'15 will give focus on improving the national radar system following the tragic disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 last year.

"Until today, we don't know the actual cause of the disappearance of MH370, but the new development in radar technology, which will probably be discussed at LIMA'15, is hoped to help use solve the mystery," said Siti Mariam, who is also an expert in air traffic control.

Meanwhile, Universiti Kuala Lumpur-Malaysian Institute of Aviation Technology (UniKL-MIAT) chief of research and innovation section Assoc Prof Captain Dr Mohd Harridon Mohamed Suffian said new ideas and technology generated through the organising of LIMA'15 should be developed and adopted as soon as possible.

"We can see several technologies being promoted at LIMA event and it would be good if all the technologies could be put into use as soon as possible," he said.

He said industry players should not wait until a tragedy occurred before trying to adopt a new system.

"Exposure to new technologies during the organising of LIMA'15 will help us learn about how to deal with any emergency situation involving the aviation industry more effectively in the future," he said.

LIMA'15 is scheduled to be held from March 17 to 21 in Langkawi with the participation of 512 maritime and aerospace companies from 36 countries.

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