

Malaysia Continues Efforts To Bring About Changes For Safer Skies
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PUTRAJAYA, June 28 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's calls to bring about change for safer skies has been well received by the international community, particularly the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

In a statement here today, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said in line with Malaysia's call to establish requirements for real time global tracking of commercial aircrafts, ICAO would also be making their recommendation for this requirement in August.

He will represent the nation in addressing the 34th Plenary Session of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC).

The plenary session to be held between June 30 and July 1, this year marks ECAC's 60th anniversary.

Liow said Malaysia had also engaged with transport officials from ASEAN, the United States and other regions, where they continued to stress on the need for ICAO member states to adopt mandatory procedures and protocols that would increase safety and security standards in international civil aviation.

"This includes mandatory timely reporting of relevant information regarding flight risks to the ICAO by member states, as well as for ICAO to establish global protocol to disseminate this information to member states and airlines.

"On this note, it is Malaysia's hope that greater cooperation can be achieved with our European counterparts.

"To this end, the Government of Malaysia and ECAC look towards inking a cooperation arrangement during the plenary session," he added.

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