

**Malaysia to model APSS after UK's screening system, says Zahid**  
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In preparing for the implementation of the data analysis screening system by the Immigration Department for the entry of air passengers into the country, Malaysia is looking at a similar system being used in the UK at Manchester.

The UK's experience in operating the Advanced Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems will be studied before Malaysia itself introduces a screening system known as the Advanced Passenger Screening System (APSS).

The introduction and implementation of the APSS is also a precondition for Malaysia in joining the United States' Visa Waiver Programme, which will enable Malaysians to travel to the US without a visa.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi who is on a four-day visit to the UK, had yesterday led a Malaysian delegation on a tour of the National Border Tracking Centre (NBTC), which carries out monitoring and screening using the API and PNR systems for passengers on all international routes.

Zahid who is also home minister, said to date, the NBTC had processed 427 million API data and 55 million PNR data for air passengers entering and leaving the UK. – Bernama, November 11, 2015.

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