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Accelerating Malaysia Airports' Transformation Journey

Malaysia Airports recently announced a RM11.5 billion capital expenditure (CAPEX) plan over the next five years, aimed at modernising infrastructure, replacing critical airport assets, driving sustainability initiatives and expanding the capacity of its airports nationwide.

Unveiled at the inaugural Procurement and Projects Showcase 2026 held at the Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA, the plan includes a significant CAPEX allocation for strategic initiatives under the Capacity pillar.

Under KUL Development Plan, the airport operator's long-term expansion ambitions are to progressively support the future capacity growth at its flagship airport (KUL) beyond 100 million passengers per annum (mppa).

Major airport expansion projects are currently underway at Penang International Airport (PEN) and Kota Kinabalu International Airport (BKI) to increase both airports' capacities to 12 mppa, up from their current capacities of 6.5 million and 9 million mppa, respectively.

Work is in progress to expand PEN's terminal building and upgrade its airport infrastructure to be completed by 2028. Currently, the second busiest airport in Malaysia after KUL, PEN reportedly handles over 700,000 passenger movements a month.

Additionally, other expansion and upgrading airport projects are in progress at Tawau (TWU), Miri (MYY), Sandakan (SDK) and Lahad Datu (LDU).

Meanwhile, several passenger-focused improvements were completed in May 2026.

These enhancements included modernised check-in counters at MYY and Limbang Airport (LMN), an expanded e-hailing pick-up zone at Langkawi International Airport (LGK) and the completion of the first phase of restroom refurbishment works at Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport (SZB) in Subang, Selangor.

Alongside these infrastructure and passenger service improvements, Malaysia Airports continued to strengthen air connectivity across its network.

During the first half of 2026 (1H26), Malaysia Airports saw the entry of several new airlines and the introduction of new services.

From KUL, the new airlines were Shandong Airlines (SC), Air Algerie (AH), Aero Dili (8G), and Lion Air (JT) with its new direct flights from Lombok (LOP) and Banjarmasin (BDJ) on 28 and 29 June 2026, respectively.

PEN also welcomed new airlines, Chongqing Airlines (OQ), Spring Airlines (9C) and Qingdao Airlines (QW), as well as new services from Shanghai (PVG), Guangzhou (CAN), Qingdao (TAO) and Chongqing (CKG), all of which are Chinese carriers.

BKI also welcomed OQ during 1H26, adding CKG to its international network alongside destinations such as Hong Kong (HKG) and Chengdu (CTU).

Additionally, Kota Bharu (KBR) and Ipoh (IPH) airports expanded their international connectivity with new links to Singapore (SIN) and Jakarta (CGK).

Further strengthening regional connectivity, TWU and Melaka (MKZ) expanded their international reach with new services to PVG and Pekanbaru (PKU), operated by Juneyao Air (HO) and Wings Air (IW).

According to Malaysia Airports' latest data, its total passenger movements reached 7.9 million in May supported by sustained international connectivity.

KUL alone recorded 4.9 million passenger traffic, including 3.6 million international passengers. This represented a 2% increase compared to May 2025, reinforcing Malaysia's position as a key regional gateway under the Visit Malaysia 2026-2027 campaign.

According to statistics from Tourism Malaysia in cooperation with the Immigration Department, the top five visitor source markets to Malaysia from January to May 2026 are Singapore (8.74 million), China (2.2 million), Indonesia (1.69 million), Thailand (1.02 million) and India (615,615).

Regional connectivity continued to strengthen in June, driven by robust demand from Malaysia's key markets, particularly China and Indonesia. Batik Air Malaysia's (OD) launch of its PVG to KUL direct service on 23 June 2026, together with China Eastern Airlines' (MU) new Dalian (DLC) to KUL service via Nanjing (NKG), further enhanced bilateral air connectivity between Malaysia and China.

With these additions, Malaysia Airports' network now serves 15 China-based airlines.

Procurement and Projects Showcase 2026

Themed Discover Malaysia Airports Business Opportunities, the inaugural Procurement and Projects Showcase 2026 brought together 285 companies and 402 participants for networking, collaboration and information sharing across the industry.

> "Through this platform, we want to provide clearer visibility into where the opportunities are heading so that contractors, suppliers, and partners can prepare earlier and scale their capabilities with greater confidence."
>
> **DATO' MOHD IZANI GHANI**
> Managing Director
> of Malaysia Airports

"At the same time, Malaysia Airports benefits from a more prepared and capable ecosystem that can support faster, safer, and higher-quality project delivery," he added.

Concurring with him, Chief Development Officer of Malaysia Airports, Steven Andersen, who led the project presentation said the objective is designed to encourage stronger alignment between project planning, delivery capabilities and long-term industry development.

"As the airport landscape continues to evolve, delivery readiness and execution capabilities across the ecosystem become increasingly critical."

He added, "Platforms like this allow us to engage the market earlier, encourage more meaningful partnerships, and create a stronger pipeline of specialised expertise that can support the scale and complexity of future airport developments across the network."

Malaysia Airports also acknowledged the support and collaboration of the Construction Industry Development Board in facilitating the industry engagement initiatives that strengthen the participation and competitiveness of local contractors within the country's infrastructure sector.

Such initiatives will open the industry players to upcoming opportunities, enabling them to build capabilities, forge new partnerships, and position themselves for growth within increasingly specialised and complex infrastructure segments.

Malaysia Airports intends to progressively strengthen and expand this platform over time to build a more prepared, collaborative and future-ready airport infrastructure ecosystem capable of supporting the country's long-term aviation growth and connectivity ambitions.

Qatar Airways' FIFA Special Livery and Network Expansion

As the official airline partner of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), Qatar Airways (QR) has brought the spirit of the FIFA World Cup 2026 to passengers worldwide by uniquely branding its Boeing 777 aircraft that operates across key destinations in Asia, Europe and the United States.

Building on the legacy of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, QR's special new livery captures the vibrant spirit of this year's FIFA World Cup through its bold, dynamic exterior design and aircraft interior.

Meanwhile, the airline has been progressively restoring its network connectivity between Doha (DOH) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with services operated by Boeing 777 and Airbus A350 aircraft following the recent disruption in the Middle East.

As part of its continued growth strategy, QR is set to further expand its global network to over 160 destinations by this summer.

Since 1 June 2026, QR and Philippine Airlines (PAL) have strengthened their strategic partnership by unlocking more than 40 new destinations for global travellers between both airlines' networks.

Additionally, the two have expanded the benefits for their Privilege Club and Mabuhay Miles loyalty members, respectively.

This not only marks QR's Privilege Club's 26th airline partnership but also expands the loyalty programme's footprint in Southeast Asia by offering members the opportunity to collect and spend Avios across PAL's global network.

For the financial year (FY) 2025-2026, QR carried more than 41.8 million passengers and achieved an 86% ontime performance.

This places QR firmly among the top five most punctual carriers worldwide, securing it the most coveted recognition in global airline operations benchmarking, the Cirium Platinum Award for Operational Excellence.

QR Group Chief Executive Officer, Hamad Al-Khater said, "It is not often that a single financial year asks an organisation to demonstrate both the best of what it can achieve and the depth of what it can withstand. The FY 2025/2026 did both and the Group rose to each in turn."

The QR Group announced a robust post-tax profit of USD1.94 billion for the FY 2025-2026 against a final month impacted by significant geopolitical events, reaffirming its position as one of global aviation's most resilient airlines.

The Group's cargo division also continued to excel, transporting more than 1.43 million tonnes of chargeable weight and advancing to become the world's largest air freight carrier with a 12% global market share.

For more information, visit **qatarairways.com**

Wings Air Resumes Direct International Service Between Pekanbaru and Melaka

The recent resumption of Wings Air's (IW) direct thrice-weekly flights from Pekanbaru (PKU) to Melaka (MKZ), following the airline suspension of the service on 16 August 2023, is expected to spur tourism and economic growth between Indonesia and Malaysia.

Indonesia, a key source market for Malaysia, saw 4.2 million visitor arrivals to the country last year. Of these, Melaka captured 515,086 Indonesian visitor arrivals, said Nasrul Ahmad, General Manager of the Tourism Promotion Division, which comes under the Chief Minister's Department of Melaka.

The UNESCO World Heritage city of Melaka is an attractive destination not only for leisure travel, shopping and gastronomy, but also for healthcare tourism. Up to 300,000 Indonesians reportedly seek medical treatment at Melaka's private hospitals annually.

The low-cost carrier's resumed PKU–MKZ service on 10 June 2026 was welcomed with a water cannon salute, while representatives from the Tourism Malaysia Melaka office, four private hospitals, Mahkota Medical Centre, Oriental Melaka Straits Medical Centre, Pantai Hospital and Putra Specialist Hospital, welcomed the 50 arriving IW passengers with goodie bags.

Akmal Khairi, Head of the Pekanbaru City Culture and Tourism Agency, said the 242-year-old Indonesian city and capital of Riau Province serves as a strategic transit hub for travellers from Batam (BTH), Jakarta (CGK), Medan (KNO), Surabaya (SUB) and Yogyakarta (YIA) connecting to MKZ.

Echoing his sentiments, Captain Fitzgerald Julian, Director of Production of IW, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lion Group, said the flight from Pekanbaru (PKU) to Melaka (MKZ) takes approximately one hour and 10 minutes on the 72-seat ATR 72-600 aircraft.

Nazrul also presented tokens of appreciation to both Akmal and Captain Fitzgerald to commemorate the reinstatement of the PKU to MKZ route.

Meanwhile, on 23 June 2026, IW launched a new direct service between Rengat (RGT) and Batam (BTH), operating three times weekly, further enhancing connectivity to other Indonesian cities and beyond.

For more information, visit **www.lionair.co.id**

Vietnam Airlines Climbs Three Places to 83rd in the 2026 Fortune Southeast Asia 500

Vietnam Airlines (VN) has strengthened its position in the Top 100 of the 2026 Fortune Southeast Asia (SEA) 500 for the third consecutive year, rising three places to 83rd compared to the previous year.

The Fortune SEA 500 is an annual ranking of the region's largest companies by revenue, highlighting businesses that capture a growing share of regional economic growth.

Introduced in 2024, the list recognises leading enterprises across six other economies in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.

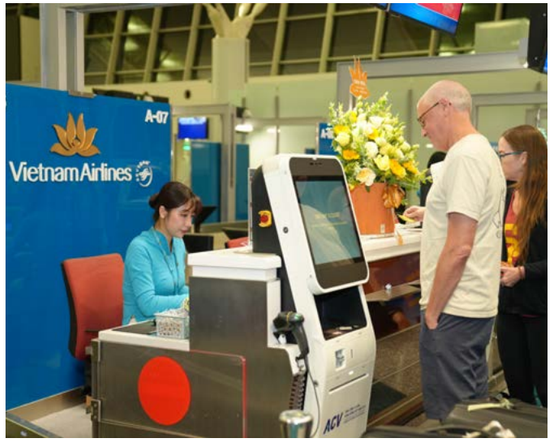
For fiscal year 2025, VN generated revenue of more than USD4.66 billion, up 10.2% year-on-year(YoY), with a profit of USD277 million and total assets of nearly USD2.8 billion.

2025 marked the strongest business performance in VN's history, reflecting the airline's recovery, restructuring and operational optimisation after undergoing significant volatility in the aviation market.

VN operated 156,300 flights, an increase of 11.8% YoY, carried 25.64 million passengers, up 12.7% and transported 344,000 tonnes of cargo, representing 10% growth compared with the previous year.

The airline's international network expansion continued into 2026 with the recent inauguration of the route between Hanoi (HAN) and Amsterdam (AMS), making it the first Vietnamese carrier to operate a direct route connecting Vietnam and the Netherlands.

Operating the Airbus A350 widebody aircraft, this new route also expands its European network to 12 direct services serving destinations that include Copenhagen (CPG), Frankfurt (FRA), London Heathrow (LHR), Milan (MIL), Moscow (SVO), Munich (MUC) and Paris (CDG).



From 1 July 2026, VN is increasing the frequency of its HAN to SVO service from three to four round-trip flights weekly to accommodate growing travel demand between Vietnam and Russia.

Most recently, Cirium, the strategic partner of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), ranked VN third among the Top 10 Most On-Time Airlines in Asia Pacific for 2026 with an on-time arrival rate of 87.77%.

This recognition underscores the airline's operational reliability and efficiency amid continued growth in air travel demand.

VN's goal is to become a Five-Star Airline by 2030.

For more information, call **+603-20311666** or visit **www.vietnamairlines.com**

AirAsia Malaysia Launches Direct Jakarta–Kota Bharu Service

The inaugural AirAsia Malaysia (AK) service connecting Jakarta (CGK) and Kota Bharu (KBR), Kelantan, on 16 June 2026 not only provides greater accessibility between Indonesia and the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia but also opens up more opportunities for tourism, trade, and economic cooperation.

Operating using a180-seater Airbus A320 aircraft, the maiden flight carried 117 passengers, comprising predominantly Indonesians and Singaporeans, alongside returning Malaysian travellers.

Upon arrival, the passengers were accorded a warm welcome featuring traditional cultural performances, showcasing Malaysia's rich cultural heritage and renowned hospitality.

Welcoming them upon their arrival were Datuk Kamarudin Md Nor, Chairman of the Kelantan Tourism, Culture, Arts and Heritage Committee; Baizuri Baharum, Director of International Promotional Division (Southeast Asia) of Tourism Malaysia; Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani, Managing Director of Malaysia Airports and Zamani Rafique, AK's Director of Global and Government Affairs.

> "The launch of this direct CGK to KBR service demonstrates how strategic airport infrastructure investment can create new opportunities for connectivity and growth."
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> **DATO' MOHD IZANI GHANI**
> Managing Director
> of Malaysia Airports

"Following the completion of the terminal expansion of Sultan Ismail Petra Airport to cater to four million passengers per annum (mppa) compared to 1.5mppa previously, KBR is now better positioned to support international services and future traffic growth."

As of April 2026, Malaysia and Indonesia are connected by 634 weekly flights, offering more than 114,806 seats weekly.

Besides strengthening regional connectivity and supporting Malaysia's tourism growth under the Visit Malaysia 2026-2027 campaign, Dato' Captain Fareh Mazputra, General Manager of AK said the route also showcases Kelantan's rich culture, heritage and unique attractions.

Additionally, Kelantan serves as a strategic transit point for travellers from Southern Thailand through major border crossings such as Rantau Panjang and Pengkalan Kubor.

Mohd Amirul Rizal Abdul Rahim, Director General of Tourism Malaysia said, "Beyond leisure travel, this new service is expected to support the growth of medical tourism and facilitate greater people-to-people exchanges between our two countries."

For more information, visit **www.airasia.com**

Oneworld Named Best Alliance in Business Traveller's Cellars in the Sky Awards 2026

Premier airline alliance, oneworld, won the Best Alliance accolade in Business Traveller's 2026 Cellars in the Sky Awards, with its members scooping a total of 21 gold awards.

Nine of the gold awards were clinched by Qantas Airways (QF), while Cathay Pacific Airways (CX) and Qatar Airways (QR) each secured four awards. Malaysia Airlines (MH) received two gold awards, while Alaska Airlines (AS) and British Airways (BA) won one each.

Deemed one of the industry's most respected wine and beverage award programmes, the recognition further reinforces oneworld's commitment to delivering premium travel experiences throughout its network.

Ole Orvér, Chief Executive Officer of oneworld said, "This award underscores our member airlines'commitment to elevating the travel experience through thoughtful and innovative beverage programmes that continue to raise the standard for onboard hospitality."

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Cellars in the Sky Awards have evolved from honouring the finest wines served onboard commercial aircraft to distinguishing innovation across various beverage programmes both in the air and on the ground.

These include airport lounge offerings, signature beverages, strategic drinks partnerships as well as no- and low alcohol offerings.

All entries were evaluated through a rigorous blind-tasting process conducted by an independent panel of internationally recognised wine experts, supported by host and industry consultant Kelly Stevenson.

Meanwhile, the oneworld alliance expanded its presence at London Heathrow Airport (LHR) when AS launched its new direct service to Seattle on 22 May 2026.

As a result, oneworld customers are now offered nearly 2,800 weekly departures connecting LHR directly to more than 160 destinations across over 60 countries this summer.

London, a cornerstone of the alliance's global network and a leading destination for international travellers planning round-the-world trips, accounted for 71% of bookings made on oneworld.com so far this year that included the city as part of a multi-stop itinerary.

Last year, around 29 million oneworld customers flew from, to or through LHR, with nearly 30% connecting between oneworld member airlines.

At LHR, oneworld member airlines operating from Terminal 3 include AS, American Airlines (AA), BA, CX, Finnair (AY), Japan Airlines (JL), QF, Royal Jordanian (RJ) and SriLankan Airlines (UL).

MH, QR, Oman Air (WY) and Royal Air Maroc (AT) operate from Terminal 4, while BA and Iberia (IB) operate from Terminal 5.

For more information, visit **www.oneworld.com**

RTX's Collins Aerospace Quadruples Footprint in Malaysia

Collins Aerospace is expanding its maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility at Subang Aerotech Park in Selangor with a USD63 million investment, that quadruples it from 46,000 to 164,000 square feet.

The wholly-owned subsidiary of the Virginia-based RTX Corporation of the United States plans to complete the upgraded facility by the end of 2026 to support Asia Pacific's growing fleet, which is expected to double MRO demand in the next two decades.

Irene Makris, President of Power and Controls at Collins Aerospace said, "Malaysia offers the right environment for us to scale. We plan to double employment opportunities for skilled talent in the region to keep pace with growing demand."

Collins Aerospace currently employs 150 people in Malaysia as well as 10,000 people across 24 locations in Singapore, China, India, Australia, Japan, South Korea and the Philippines.

With the company being a part of the region's aerospace industry for over 50 years, Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook viewed this deepening relationship as "a vote of confidence not just in our infrastructure but also in our people and our long-term potential".

Officiating the grand opening ceremony of Collin Aerospace's expansion of its Subang facility, he added, "This investment reflects exactly the kind of high-value, skills-intensive growth we want to anchor here.

"Collins Aerospace will be carrying out MRO works for air management systems, the systems that regulate cabin pressurisation, air quality, temperature, and ventilation onboard some of the world's most sophisticated commercial aircraft, including the Boeing 787, B777 and Airbus A380."

Also present at the Subang facility's grand opening ceremony were Malaysia Airports Managing Director, Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani; RTX Executive Vice President of Operations, Supply Chain, Quality, Environmental Health and Safety, Paolo Dal Chin and Collins Aerospace Malaysia General Manager, Chua Lee Lee.

Besides introducing advanced MRO capabilities, including air cycle machines, heat exchangers, valves and new generation starters, the Subang facility will also leverage technologies such as digital tier boards, eAndon, autonomous mobile robots and real-time location systems to increase productivity lower turnaround times.

Additionally, the facility will feature a smart building management system that monitors and optimises resource and utility consumption, along with integrated safety systems and a scalable platform that supports continuous improvement.

For more information, visit **www.rtx.com**

TransNusa Receives More Awards

Indonesia's premium service carrier, TransNusa (8B), has achieved another significant milestone after receiving the 'Route Connectivity Innovation from Bali' award, in recognition of its contribution to strengthening air connectivity and supporting the growth of Bali's tourism sector.

Receiving the honour at the recent Tribun Bali Awards 2026, its President Director, Bayu Sutanto said, "We believe Bali (DPS) has tremendous potential as an international connectivity hub and 8B will continue to innovate together with Angkasa Pura Bali, the operator of I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport, to introduce new routes for both the community and tourism industry."

The airline is connected from Bali to domestic and international destinations such as Jakarta (CGK), Manado (MDC), Lombok (LOP), Bima (BMU), Perth (PER), Guangzhou (CAN), Kuala Lumpur (KUL) and Singapore (SIN).

Earlier, 8B earned the Top Airline by Absolute Passenger Growth under the Southeast Asia (SEA) category at the Changi Airline Awards 2026.

Organised by the Changi Airport Group, the award recognises 8B's significant passenger growth across the region, the success of its network expansion strategy and commitment to delivering competitive, high-quality air travel services.

Bernard Francis, 8B Group Chief Executive Officer of TransNusa, who accepted the award said, "Recognition from this annual award motivates us to continue expanding connectivity and delivering an even better travel experience for our passengers."

The airline is set to expand its China network with the launch of a new CGK to Shanghai Pudong (PVG) route, with a technical stop at Cebu (CEB) on 8 July 2026, using the Chinese-made COMAC C909 aircraft for its four weekly flights.

Besides the C909, 8B's fleet also includes the Airbus A320-200 and A321-200 aircraft

For more information, visit **www.evaair.com**

China Eastern Airlines Increases Flights to Kuala Lumpur

China Eastern Airlines (MU) has not only resumed its Taiyuan (TYN) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) on 17 June 2026 this time with thrice weekly flights via Kunming (KMG) but also commenced new daily flights connecting Dalian (DLC) to KUL via a layover in Nanjing (NKG) starting 22 June 2026.

Flight MU7707, which arrived at KL International Airport Terminal 1 on 23 June 2026 from DLC, was using the Airbus A320neo aircraft which can seat 163 passengers.

The flight was welcomed by Samuel Lee Thai Hung, Tourism Malaysia's Deputy Director General (Promotions II) and Nurul Fadhilah Ku Azman, its Senior Director of International Promotions (Asia and Africa).

Besides KUL, the Shanghai-based airline also operates flights to Malaysia's other gateways in Kota Kinabalu (BKI) and Penang (PEN), with flights connecting them to other Chinese cities, including Xi'an (XIY) and Wuhan (WUH).

According to OAG's flight data for June 2026, MU remains China's second largest domestic airline, holding a 14% market share with 9.8 million seats. Its domestic one-way capacity totalled 121.5 million seats in 2025.

Additionally, Malaysia is ranked sixth among the top 20 international markets of China, reflecting strong travel demand between the two countries.

The visa exemption policies introduced by China and Malaysia have benefited mutually travellers from both countries. Currently, Chinese travellers can enter Malaysia visa-free for up to 30 days while Malaysians can enter China visa-free for up to 15 days.

To support its international network expansion, the Chinese carrier announced on 26 June 2026 that its plans to buy 25 Airbus 330neos for about USD9.35 billion, with the aircraft scheduled to be delivered in batches from 2029 to 2033+.

For more information, visit **www.ceair.com**

Vietjet Thailand to Launch New Daily Kuala Lumpur to Bangkok Service

As part of Vietjet Thailand's (VZ) international network expansion, the low-cost carrier (LCC) will launch its first direct daily route from KL International Airport Terminal 2 (KUL) to Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) on 9 October 2026, strengthening air connectivity between Malaysia and Thailand.

The new route will be operated by VZ's 189-seater Boeing 737-8, a new-generation aircraft that reflects the airline's major fleet expansion strategy.

The aircraft features spacious seating, generous legroom, larger overhead storage and improved operational efficiency.

Carrying more than seven million passengers annually, VZ currently operates 42 routes. The airline's fleet comprises 12 Airbus and 10 Boeing aircraft, with plans to expand to 29 aircraft by the end of 2026.

Pinyot Pibulsonggram, VZ Vice President of Commercial and Customer Service said, "Malaysia is a new destination for us, with safety as our top priority."

The LCC's other core values are Friendly and Fun, Punctuality and Affordable Price.

Bhubet Kittiyanpanya, VZ Deputy Head of Commercial Department, expects strong demand from the government, business events and students, following the launch of the new route on 9 October 2026 for the summer season.

According to Woranate Laprabang, VZ Chief Executive Officer, KUL represents a key gateway in the Association of Southeast Asia Nations region while BKK continues to serve as a major destination for tourism, business, lifestyle, culture, dining, and shopping.

The new route aligns with Malaysia's Visit Malaysia 2026–2027 campaign and the Tourism Authority of Thailand's Tourism Product Highlight 2026 initiative, which focuses on high-value, experience-driven travel.

VZ aims to expand travel options by providing greater connectivity to destinations across its network, including other cities in Thailand as well as Vietnam, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

The airline was recognised as the Best Low-Cost Airline Brand, Thailand 2025 by Global Brand Awards as well as the Most Passenger-Friendly Cabin Crew 2025 by International Finance Magazine, reinforcing its position as the Airline of Hospitality.

Additionally, VZ was named as one of the HR Asia Best Companies to Work for in Asia 2025, reflecting its positive workplace culture and high employee satisfaction.

The airline also received the Kinnaree Award from TAT at the 15th Thailand Tourism Awards 2025 for its commitment to sustainable tourism and won three awards at the TCCTA Contact Center Awards 2025 in recognition of its excellence in customer service.

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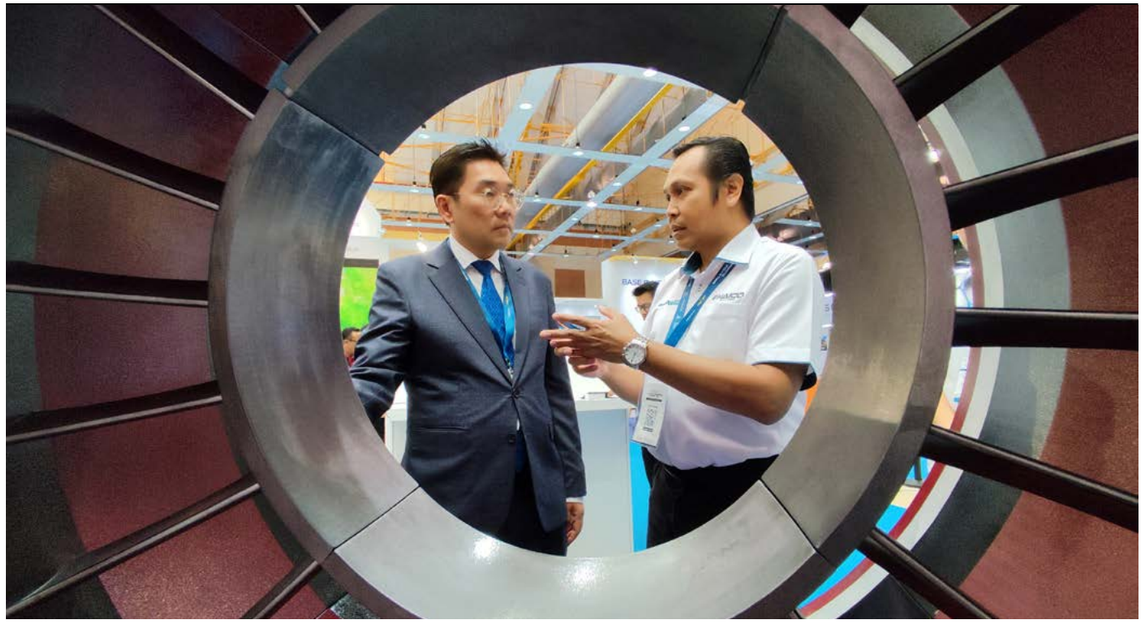


Potential for Upstream and Higher Value Aerospace MRO Ecosystem in Malaysia

Touted as the largest and most comprehensive national aerospace event to date, the recently concluded eighth MyAERO Summit 2026 reflects the progress of Malaysia's aerospace ecosystem and its future growth, extending beyond foreign investment alone.

Captured in its theme, "The Regional Gateway to Aerospace Technology, Business and Talent Networks", this year's edition featured 106 exhibitors from diverse aerospace and high-technology players spanning global companies, local developers, startups, academia and government agencies.

The exhibition also featured pavilions by the Ministry of Transport (MoT) and Selangor Aerospace, with the latter housing MBI Selangor Incorporated, Invest Selangor, and the Malaysia Airports team, including KLIA Aeropolis.

Meanwhile, the Sarawak Pavilion highlighted the state's aviation, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), space development, and digital transformation journey. AirBorneo was among the exhibitors featured under the pavilion.

According to Ir. Ts. Dr. Shamsul Kamar Abu Samah, Chief Executive Officer of National Aerospace Industry Corporation Malaysia (NAICO Malaysia), this year's MyAERO Summit has evolved beyond an exhibition platform to become a national convergence point where industry meets innovation, policy meets implementation and talent meets opportunity.

NAICO Malaysia, an agency under the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, is the joint organiser of MyAero Summit 2026 held at MAEPS Serdang in Selangor.

At the opening ceremony of the three-day Summit, Shamsul Kamar said, "More importantly, it is where ideas are transformed into action through partnerships, investments and capability development that directly strengthen Malaysia's aerospace value chain."

The country continues to demonstrate strong and resilient growth last year, anchored by a well-balanced ecosystem across manufacturing and services.

The MRO sector, which remains a key pillar of the industry, contributed about 40% of the total aerospace revenue.

Shamsul Kamar added, "Within this segment, airframe and base maintenance accounted for around 40% of MRO activities, followed by engine MRO at 25% and component MRO at 10%, reflecting a strong but still developing value chain structure."

While Malaysia has established strong capabilities in airframe and base maintenance, he said significant opportunities to move further upstream and capture higher-value segments of the aerospace MRO ecosystem abound.

Officiating MyAero Summit 2026, Deputy Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Sim Tze Tzin said, "The 2026 IMD World

Competitiveness Ranking provides strong, third-party validation on why Malaysia is an ideal choice for aerospace investment."

Malaysia climbed eight spots to rank 15th globally, up from 23rd in 2025, marking the country's highest ranking in a decade.

Among the 70 economies, the IMD report placed Malaysia fourth globally in 2026 in terms of economic performance. Additionally, the country moved up 11 spots to 14th placing for government efficiency, advanced to 16th for business efficiency, and ranked 33rd for infrastructure.

Sim added, "Through the Malaysia Aerospace Digital System, we have created a national digital platform that seamlessly connects manufacturers, MRO providers, airlines, and regulators, ensuring total supply-chain visibility and smarter decision-making."

Besides driving digital integration, he said, "We are also anchoring advanced technology. The MyAERO Centre of Excellence at NAICO Malaysia is actively pioneering cutting-edge capabilities in robotics, automation and advanced materials as well as augmented reality/ virtual reality."

With the AS9110 certification for MRO facilities in place, Sim said AS9120, another quality management system standard, will be rolled out for aerospace distributors as market demand grows.

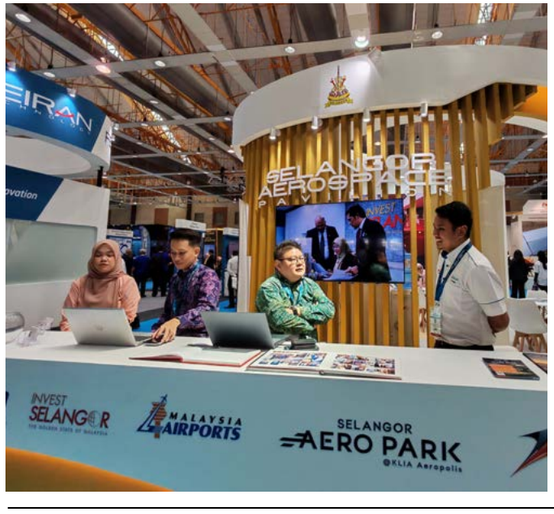
To assist the industry, he highlighted that the Malaysian Technology Development Corporation has established an Aerospace and Electrical & Electronic Ecosystem Investment Fund for small and medium enterprises as well as mid-tier companies.

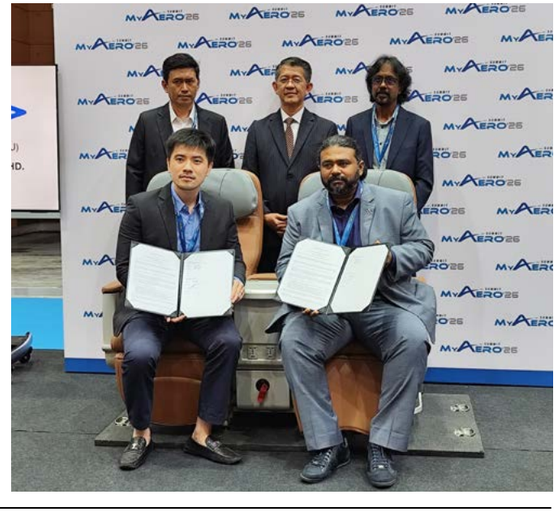
Combining grants, subsidies, soft loans and equity, this fund helps companies scale up, meet global standards and secure long-term contracts with global original equipment manufacturers.

The opening ceremony was also graced by Tengku Panglima Besar Selangor, Tengku Abdul Samad Shah, who was led on a walkabout to the exhibition booths.

Meanwhile, a significant milestone at this year's MyAero Summit was the exchange and formalisation of 17 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), underscoring the growing confidence in Malaysia as a strategic aerospace and advanced technology hub.

Among them is the MoU between Pecca Aviation Services Sdn Bhd and Aris Group, aimed at strengthening Malaysia's aviation ecosystem by developing and enhancing capabilities in aircraft cabin refurbishment, retrofit solutions, aviation manufacturing, certification support, and advanced cabin technologies.





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