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Dijangka memuktamadkan perkongsian khidmat sewa khas haji pada awal 2018

MAB jalin usaha sama strategik

SEPANG – Malaysia Airlines Bhd. (MAB) dijangka memuktamadkan perkongsian strategik bagi penerbangan sewa khas khusus bagi membawa jemaah haji menjelang suku pertama 2018.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulannya, Peter Bellew berkata, beliau telah mengadakan pertemuan dengan beberapa pelabur berpotensi bagi perkhidmatan baharu itu.

"Ada pihak yang telah mencadangkan nama (untuk penerbangan baharu itu) semasa kami di Arab Saudi minggu lepas dan saya akan membincangkannya dengan pihak lembaga pengarah dalam beberapa minggu akan datang," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas pelancaran Makmal Inovasi Dalaman Malaysia Airlines (MAS), iSpace, di Bangunan Pengurusan Penerbangan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur dekat sini semalam.

Sebelum ini dilaporkan bahawa MAB merancang untuk memulakan perkhidmatan penerbangan sewa khas untuk jemaah haji dan umrah di Arab Saudi.

Bellew memaklumkan, pihaknya mencari rakan strategik yang sedia mempunyai perniagaan berkaitan sektor penerbangan.

"Ia akan mengambil masa dan kami tidak memerlukan wang untuk merealisasikannya dengan segera.

"Bagaimanapun, kami mencari pihak yang mempunyai kepentingan strategik dalam membantu menjadikannya kenyataan dan menjayakan rancangan itu bagi tempoh 10 tahun," katanya.

BELLEW (berdiri, lima dari kiri) dan Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau (berdiri, tengah) bergambar bersama kakitangan MAB pada majlis pelancaran iSpace di Sepang semalam.

Bellew berkata, penerbangan sewa khas baharu itu akan didaftarkan sebagai entiti berasingan dengan imej, logo, warna pesawat dan konfigurasi tempat duduk baharu.

Menghurai lanjut, katanya, syarikat penerbangan baharu itu akan menawarkan 600 hingga 700 peluang pekerjaan termasuk juruterbang, kru kabin, dan jurutera apabila beroperasi sepenuhnya.

Ia juga akan menyewa enam pesawat Airbus A380 daripada MAS.

"Syarikat itu akan mengendalikan lebih enam pesawat dalam tempoh 10 hingga 15 tahun akan datang," katanya. - Bernama

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MAB To Decide On Buying New, Second-Hand Planes By Year-End - Bellew

SEPANG, July 27 (Bernama) -- Malaysia Airlines Bhd (MAB) is expected to decide on the purchase of new or second-hand aircraft by the end of the year, said its Chief Executive Officer, Peter Bellew.

He said even though aircraft manufacturers, Airbus and Boeing, were offering some improved deals on aircraft during their visit to Kuala Lumpur in the last couple of days, they were still 'not good enough'.

Furthermore, he said there were attractive offers on second-hand aircraft, which were relatively-new, wide body and equipped with Wi-Fi.

"I am still not happy with the prices (offers by Airbus and Boeing) and we will continue to negotiate with them, try to get better price. (When) buying aircraft, you should buy for the long term.

"We will continue the discussions. I expect we will have a decision at least by the end of the year, if not sooner," he told reporters.

Earlier, Bellew attended the launching of Malaysia Airlines' first in-house Innovation Lab iSpace by the **Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau** at its Flight Management Building, Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) here today.

iSpace is part of the airline's continuous efforts towards digital transformation to becoming a digital airline.

In another development, Bellew said MAB was in the second phase of its information technology (IT) transformation which covered three key components: technology, business and digitalisation, and this was expected to complete by June next year.

He said the successful implementation of IT was key to the airline's success especially in improving customer experience and overall operational efficiency.

"Currently, I'm happy to share that we have almost completed 70 per cent of the overall planned IT transformation. The transformation began in March last year and is expected to be completed by June 2018," he said.

Meanwhile, Madius hoped Malaysia Airlines will grow from strength to strength by leveraging innovative technologies to provide more experiential and seamless travel for customers.

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Met Dept cool on Indonesian fires

PETALING JAYA — It is yet unknown if haze could potentially affect the upcoming SEA Games.

A source at the Meteorological Department told *Malay Mail* they are monitoring weather patterns on an hourly basis, as normal.

"Nothing has come up, but if something occurs the Department of Environment will release a statement to address the issue," said the source.

On Monday, during the Irrigation and Drainage Department Hari Raya open house, Natural Resources and Environment minister Datuk Seri Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar reportedly said the skies this year were clearer than previous years, as the Indonesian authorities have kept their promise to ensure forest fires will not affect neighbouring countries.

Wan Junaidi said Indonesia had abided by the guidelines issued by Asean through the Haze-Free Action Plan by 2020.

"Indonesia has also increased its fire-fighting assets, including the purchase of helicopters that carry water to put out fires," he said.

In May, Wan Junaidi said Malaysia was ready to send its firefighters and the Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (Smart) to help Indonesia combat haze.