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UAV flight guidelines to be assessed

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KOTA TINGGI: Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti) will scrutinise and assess existing Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) flight guidelines in the country.

Its minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba said the issue will be discussed with the Transport Ministry (MOT), International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti) and other parties involved with flights, including the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM).

He said there are three drone technology testing centres in the country, namely Area 57 Centre of Excellence in Malaysia Technology Park, Iskandar Drone and Robotic Zone in Medini and Felda Mempaga, Pahang.

“That is why we developed drone test sites at these three locations so that we can see the challenges and the effort that would require improvement periodically.

“We, however, know that CAAM controls regulations but we must also know drone operators need a wide area for recreation, business or other matters, so we need to settle it this year.

“It will be brought to the Cabinet for discussion with MOT, Miti and several others involved in civil aviation,” he said yesterday. — Bernama