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LAUNCH OF MAB ACADEMY SIMULATOR BUILDING
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OPENING

- It is a pleasure to be here today to officiate the launch of the MAB Academy Simulator Building. This facility represents a timely and important investment in Malaysia's aviation

future, reflecting a shared commitment to safety, skills development, and long-term industry resilience.

MALAYSIA'S AVIATION POTENTIAL & WORKFORCE NEEDS

- Malaysia's strategic geographical position, strong connectivity ambitions, and growing demand for air travel place us in a unique position to become a leading aviation hub in the region. However, this ambition must be supported by strong human capital and world-class training capabilities.
- As our aviation sector continues to expand, the need for highly skilled pilots, cabin crew, engineers, safety personnel, and aviation specialists will only grow. Robust training institutions are essential to ensure that this growth is supported by competent, safety-conscious, and future-ready professionals.
- The Ministry of Transport has consistently emphasised the importance of expanding and elevating aviation training programmes. Training excellence underpins safety, operational quality, and global competitiveness, and it is a critical enabler for sustainable industry growth.
- Beyond meeting industry needs, talent development is also about nurturing a society that values science, critical thinking, and evidence-based decision-making, qualities that are fundamental to aviation safety and equally important for a mature, forward-looking society.

- Because by investing in skills and training, we are not only strengthening our workforce, but also fostering a culture of rational inquiry, scientific understanding, and constructive thinking that helps society move forward together.
- Therefore, institutions such as MAB Academy play a vital role in this ecosystem. Investments in advanced flight simulators and realistic training environments enhance the quality of instruction and better prepare aviation professionals for real-world operational challenges, while maintaining the highest safety standards.

SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY AND COLLABORATION

Ladies and gentleman,

- Safety remains the cornerstone of aviation. Through the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia, the Ministry remains committed to strong regulatory oversight and enforcement. Close cooperation between government, regulators, training institutions, and industry players is essential to uphold international standards and ensure that safety is never compromised.
- At the same time, sustainability is becoming a defining priority. The Malaysia Aviation Decarbonisation Blueprint, launched in 2024, sets the framework for achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. This transformation will require not only new technologies, but also a workforce that is trained and equipped to support sustainable aviation practices.

- Training institutions must therefore continue to evolve their curricula to incorporate environmental awareness, fuel efficiency, sustainable operations, and future-ready technologies. In doing so, they will help prepare the next generation of aviation professionals for an increasingly environmentally conscious industry.
- The Ministry welcomes continued collaboration between the public sector, regulators, and training providers to strengthen aviation training infrastructure, reduce reliance on overseas training, and position Malaysia as an attractive destination for regional and international trainees.

ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL IMPACT

- Strengthening our training capacity also brings wider economic benefits. A skilled aviation workforce supports airlines, airports, maintenance operations, safety services, tourism, and logistics, creating high-quality jobs and contributing to national economic growth.
- Through continued collaboration between government, regulators, and training providers, Malaysia can strengthen its aviation training infrastructure, reduce reliance on overseas facilities, and position itself as an attractive destination for regional and international trainees.

CLOSING

- Looking ahead, our long-term vision is for Malaysia to become a recognised aviation training hub in ASEAN — offering world-class facilities, cutting-edge simulation

technology, compliance with global standards, and a strong emphasis on safety and sustainability.

- The launch of this Simulator Building is an important milestone towards that vision. I would like to congratulate Malaysia Aviation Group and MAB Academy on this achievement, and reaffirm the Ministry of Transport's support in ensuring regulatory alignment, safety oversight, and continued collaboration.
- With this, it gives me great pleasure to officially launch the MAB Academy Simulator Building.

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