

## MH370 Search Final Report in July

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Putrajaya : The final report on the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 that went missing in 2014 is expected to be released in July, Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook said.

He said the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 13 Safety Investigation Team had instructed to immediately complete the full report of the search to be shown to the victims families before it is published for public consumption.

The independent body involved 19 representatives of seven international air accident investigations by Australia, China, France, Indonesia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States, he said. "All the data collected from the operations, including the police investigation, will be disclosed to the families of the victims at a special briefing before it is revealed to the public.

"Our commitment is to provide everyone with full access to the reports generated after the government allocated RM 500 million for search from March 2014," he said at a press conference here yesterday.

Flight MH370, carrying 227 passengers and crew, disappeared from radar screens during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014. On Tuesday, Ocean Infinity, the US technology company specialising in collecting high-resolution seabed data, confirmed its search for the wreckage had ended after having collected high-quality data over a 112,000 sq km area.

The search mission in the southern Indian Ocean was based on the "no cure, no fee" term, meaning payment would only be made when debris of the missing aircraft was found and confirmed by a third party.

Loke said the government is prepared to revisit the search area if experts or certain parties are able to convince the government on new leads after the final report is published.

On another matter, he said the government does not intend to cancel the project for Rapid Transit System linking Woodlands in Singapore to Bukit Chagar in Johor Baru that was purposed in May 2010. However, the ministry will take a re-look at several aspects of the project, he said.

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