

Speech Pointers for Minister of Transport

Good afternoon, everyone.

- I'm pleased to be here once again to officiate AirAsia's second fixed-fare flight initiative of the year—an initiative that truly makes a difference in the lives of Malaysians.
- During the recent Chinese New Year celebrations, thousands were able to return home and reunite with their families, thanks to AirAsia's commitment to offering affordable travel. With Hari Raya Aidilfitri fast approaching, this initiative will once again ease the journey home for many, ensuring that cost is not a barrier to celebrating this meaningful occasion with loved ones.
- The government remains steadfast in our mission to make air travel more accessible for all Malaysians. By working closely with key industry players like AirAsia, we are actively enhancing connectivity, lowering travel costs, and ultimately improving the well-being of the rakyat.
- Under this initiative, Malaysians can fly to four destinations in Sarawak for a fixed fare of RM328 one-way and to three destinations in Sabah for just RM388 one-way. This effort ensures that more Malaysians, especially those with hometowns in East Malaysia, can return home affordably during this important festive period.
- Beyond that, AirAsia's commitment to expanding travel options is commendable. The airline is offering 16,000 seats across more than 90 late-night flights from Peninsular Malaysia to Sarawak, Sabah, and Labuan between 28 March and 5 April 2025. This move directly addresses peak travel demand and provides more flexibility for Malaysians planning their journey home.
- I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity and book their fixed-fare flights today on AirAsia MOVE and airasia.com.
- In addition to AirAsia's efforts, MOT will continue to subsidise the purchase of one-way flight tickets from Peninsular Malaysia to Sabah, Sarawak, and Labuan during major festive seasons this year and next year. The subsidy will continue to apply for Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Kaamatan, Gawai festivals, and Christmas.
- This initiative will be enhanced with a subsidy for one-way flight tickets for each passenger on domestic routes connecting Peninsular Malaysia with Sabah, Sarawak, and Labuan for tickets priced over RM499. This price does not include taxes and fees, and the maximum price of RM499 is a reduction from the previous threshold of RM599. The government will cover the difference between the original ticket price and the maximum price.

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- The government deeply values AirAsia's commitment to the rakyat. By working together, we can continue to ensure that every Malaysian has the opportunity to travel home safely, affordably, and conveniently this festive season.

Selamat Menyambut Bulan Ramadan dan Selamat Berpuasa. Thank you.

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