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OPERATIONS OF UAS/DRONES BY ROYAL MALAYSIAN POLICE IN COLLABORATION WITH MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES AND THREE PRIVATE DRONE COMPANIES DURING THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER PHASE 2

The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) has given authorization for Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) through the Drone Unit of Police Airwing to operate Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/ Drones for the purpose of surveillance and enforcement during the Movement Control Order (MCO) Phase 2 as an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19.

This drone operation is led by RMP in collaboration with Malaysian Armed Forces and three private drone companies (Deftech Unmanned Systems, System Consultancy Services and Aerodyne Group). This CAAM authorised operation will abide to the instructions and SOPs laid out by RMP.

This whole operation will involve over 90 personnel from these 5 organisation and deployment of 92 drones throughout the country. A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) has been issued to notify all airspace users that a UAS/Drone activity operation is done at a maximum 500ft Above Ground Level. This NOTAM applies nationwide and is valid until 14th April 2020.

Hence, it is of utmost importance that any UAS/ Drone intended operations acquires CAAM authorisation as it may cause hazard to other airspace users and endanger public safety due to the extensive coverage of this UAS/ Drone operation.

Application form for authorisation to operate UAS/drone can be downloaded from CAAM website. For more information on the procedure and requirement, you may visit http://www.caam.gov.my/sectors-divisions/flight-operations/unmanned-aircraftsystem-uas/

Penalty and/or conviction will be imposed to those who commit offences by operating a UAS/drone without CAAM's authorisation. The penalty includes a minimum of RM50,000 and/or 3 years of imprisonment for an individual or a fine not exceeding RM 100,000 for a corporate body, if found liable.

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