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**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NEW KUALA LUMPUR AIR TRAFFIC  
CONTROL CENTRE BY YAB DATO' SRI ISMAIL SABRI BIN YAAKOB,  
PRIME MINISTER**

**PUTRAJAYA** – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 marked a historic day for the aviation industry as the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) officially launched the new Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Control Centre (KLATCC) in Sepang, Selangor. The momentous event was officiated by YAB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, Prime Minister and attended by YB Datuk Seri Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong, Minister of Transport.

The new KLATCC has been part of CAAM's ongoing efforts to standardize, simplify, and incorporate the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards in the airspace design of the Kuala Lumpur Flight Information Region (KL FIR). By implementing the new KL FIR airspace, it allows more aircrafts to land during peak hours or premium slots, increasing the landing capacity at KLIA from 78 to 108 aircraft per hour, which is among the highest in the world. Furthermore, the redesign of the airspace from 6 sectors to 14 sectors allows for more aircraft movements per hour by fully utilising the three runways available at KLIA simultaneously.

“The official launch of the new KLATCC comes at the most appropriate time as we prepare for the country’s economic recovery. It is my biggest hope that as we prepare to open our international borders soon, it will help improve the air transport industry and subsequently boost our economy”, said YAB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob during his opening speech at the event.

Designed after the local traditional kite or *wau* and infused with a modern twist, the new KLATCC is an important milestone for the country's civil aviation industry. This national pride includes the construction of a three-story complex and the installation of new communications, navigation, surveillance, and air traffic management (CNS/ATM) systems. This ultramodern facility houses the air traffic control operations for KL FIR, becoming the backbone of the country's air traffic control as well as the Aeronautical Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordination Centre. The commissioning of the COSPAS-SARSAT would further enhance the Search and Rescue capabilities of CAAM within the Kuala Lumpur and Kota Kinabalu FIRs.

As part of CAAM's mission to upgrade and modernise Malaysia's air traffic services, the new KLATCC will provide a more efficient and seamless air traffic management and enhance Malaysia's competitiveness in the aviation industry by raising the availability and connectivity of the country's air transport industry.

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