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**CAAM & MOT LAUNCHES STATE SAFETY PROGRAM TO ENHANCE
MALAYSIA'S AVIATION SAFETY STANDARD**

PUTRAJAYA – The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) and the Ministry of Transport Malaysia (MOT) have launched Malaysia's State Safety Programme (SSP), setting out Malaysia's priorities to further strengthen the safety standard of this highly regulated industry. The auspicious launching event was held in Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Control Centre in Sepang, Selangor and graced by the Minister of Transport, YB Datuk Seri Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong and YBhg. Datuk Isham Ishak, Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and the Accountable Executive of SSP. The event was also attended by representatives from government agencies and the aviation industry.

As defined by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), SSP is an integrated set of regulations and activities aimed at improving safety. The objective is to achieve an acceptable level of safety of aviation services and products delivered by aviation service providers that includes aircraft operators, air navigation service providers, airport operators, training, and maintenance organisations.

SSP encapsulates the commitments of the Government of Malaysia through its aviation agencies namely, MOT, CAAM and the Air Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) to the aviation industry and the international community towards achieving the highest level of aviation safety. It is a framework that allows the State safety oversight authority and service providers to interact more effectively in the resolution of safety concerns. The goal is for Malaysia to achieve a robust SSP that defines the regulatory structure and responsibilities of the country and seeks to improve aviation safety by 2025.

The main role of CAAM is to promote and regulate the safety of civil aviation in Malaysia, while AAIB is responsible for the investigation of air accidents/ serious incidents and the subsequent issuance of safety recommendations to enhance aviation safety and to prevent such accidents/ serious incidents from recurring. Malaysia is committed in developing and implementing effective strategies, regulatory frameworks, and processes to ensure that civil aviation activities under our responsibility achieve the highest level of safety.

While the prevention of aircraft accidents and/or serious incidents remains the main objective, it is recognized that the aviation system cannot be completely free of hazards and associated risks. Human activities or human-built systems cannot be guaranteed to be free from operational errors and their consequences. Therefore, safety is a dynamic characteristic of the aviation system, whereby safety risks must be continuously mitigated. It is important to note that the acceptability of safety performance is often influenced by domestic and international norms and culture. If safety risks are kept under an appropriate level of control, a system as open and dynamic as aviation can still be managed.

Within 15 years, CAAM and MOT will put in place an increasingly effective, robust and eventually more sophisticated safety oversight system to achieve zero fatalities in scheduled commercial operations. The safety priorities support this aspirational goal which identifies safety-related challenges and the prioritisation of areas that require action to enhance safety in Malaysia.

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