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CAAM & MOTS DRIVE STRATEGIC AVIATION DIALOGUE AT SARAWAK AVIATION SAFETY PROGRAMME 2026

MIRI, SARAWAK - The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) co-organised the Sarawak Aviation Safety Programme (SASP) 2026, an initiative led by the Ministry of Transport Sarawak (MOTS). The forum brought together key aviation stakeholders to address emerging challenges and shape the future direction of Malaysia's aviation sector.

Officiated by YB Dato' Sri Lee Kim Shin, Minister for Transport Sarawak, the programme underscores the growing importance of coordinated federal-state collaboration in navigating an increasingly complex aviation landscape. The initiative convened decision-makers and experts from across the aviation ecosystem, reflecting a shared commitment to policy alignment, strengthened safety oversight, and sustainable aviation industry growth.

A key highlight of the programme was the forum titled "*The Future of Low Altitude Economy in Malaysia - How ready are we?*", which explored regulatory readiness, operational challenges, and industry preparedness. CAAM contributed actively through its subject matter experts, providing insights on regulatory frameworks, safety priorities, and cross-sector coordination.

The programme served as a timely platform for meaningful dialogue, enabling participants to exchange perspectives, align strategic priorities, and collectively shape the future of aviation and airspace development in Malaysia. CAAM's involvement reflects its continued role in facilitating structured engagement to support a cohesive and forward-looking aviation ecosystem.

Deliberations throughout the sessions highlighted the industry's ongoing transformation, driven by emerging technologies, new airspace users, and evolving operational models. Developments such as the Low Altitude Economy (LAE) were recognised within this broader context, with emphasis on ensuring that innovation is introduced in a safe, coordinated, and sustainable manner.

Discussions also underscored the growing adoption of drone technologies across sectors including agriculture, infrastructure, logistics, and public services. These advancements are contributing to improved efficiency, cost effectiveness, and connectivity, particularly in geographically diverse regions such as Sarawak.

In line with its regulatory mandate, CAAM reaffirmed that aviation safety remains paramount. As the ecosystem becomes more complex particularly with the integration of unmanned and emerging technologies, the need for robust regulatory frameworks, effective oversight, and shared responsibility across stakeholders remains critical to ensuring safe and reliable operations.

CAAM also contributed through technical presentations and engagement sessions, offering regulatory perspectives and guidance on compliance requirements, safety standards, and operational considerations.

The programme further highlights the importance of sustained collaboration between federal and state stakeholders in advancing aviation development, particularly in regions where emerging aviation applications can enhance connectivity and service delivery.

SASP 2026 underscores the value of coordinated platforms that bring together policy, industry, and academia to ensure that Malaysia's aviation sector continues to progress in a safe, structured, and forward-looking manner.

About Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia

The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) is the national aviation regulator, entrusted with ensuring the safety, security, and efficiency of Malaysia's civil aviation sector. CAAM provides comprehensive safety and security oversight of flight operations, aviation personnel licensing, and is responsible for the provision of air navigation services and air traffic management across Malaysian airspace. Operating in accordance with international standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), CAAM is committed to fostering a safe, sustainable, and forward-looking aviation ecosystem through regulatory excellence, innovation, and strategic collaboration.

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