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POSTPONEMENT OF THE OPERATIONAL LAUNCH OF THE NEW KUALA LUMPUR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE

PUTRAJAYA – The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) wishes to inform all aviation stakeholders that the operational launch of the new Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Centre (KLATCC) in Sepang, Selangor is postponed to a later date. However, operations of the new airspace structure will continue to take effect on 17th June 2021, 1800UTC and will be notified through new Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) Supplements.

Due to the alarming increase in daily COVID-19 cases in Malaysia, CAAM has taken the approach to postpone the operational launch of the new KLATCC to support the Government of Malaysia's efforts to curb the COVID-19 pandemic. CAAM strongly believes that a rescheduling of the mass migration of an operation centre is required while the country is under a total lockdown period. This is in the sole interest of public safety and all air traffic controllers involved.

While we understand that this might cause slight disruptions to preparations by navigation database providers, this prudent decision had taken into account the current low air traffic capacity due to border closures. Aviation capacity at the moment is at 25 per cent and a drastic increase is not expected in the next 3 months.

For operations in Malaysia, there are 8 airports in Peninsular Malaysia affected due to this. For these airports, CAAM has come up with the following action plans:

- 1) All operations will continue to run from the current KLATCC with backup operations at the new KLATCC.
- 2) Backup operations at the new KLATCC will have a minimum operating staff as part of the business continuity plan.
- 3) A total of 10 AIP Supplements will be published starting from 7th June 2021 with minor amendments based from industry feedbacks. The AIP Supplements that will be published will be for:
 - I. Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA);

- II. Langkawi International Airport;
- III. Penang International Airport;
- IV. Kuala Lumpur Flight Information Region (KL FIR) Enroute;
- V. Sultan Ismail Petra Airport, Kota Bharu;
- VI. Sultan Abdul Halim Airport, Alor Setar;
- VII. Malacca Airport;
- VIII. Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, Subang;
- IX. Sultan Azlan Shah Airport, Ipoh; and
- X. Airways Clearance Delivery (ACD) KLIA.

Aviation stakeholders that includes Malaysia Airlines Berhad, AirAsia Berhad, Malindo Airways, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have been engaged and formally informed of this decision on 4th June 2021. CAAM is conducting a safety risk assessment to identify hazards, determine safety risks and implement appropriate mitigating measures to ensure risks are kept as low as reasonably practicable. The civil aviation industry and public safety will remain CAAM's top concern and priority at this moment. Our new KLATCC will be the pride of Malaysia and CAAM will ensure every effort is taken to ensure the safe and successful launch of our nation's pride at the most suitable time in the very near future.



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