

## **Transport Minister Sees Great Future for Lima**

LANGKAWI: Future Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima) exhibitions will place Malaysia in the global maritime and aerospace arena should the current momentum of local and international participation trend continue.

Transport Minister Anthony Loke said with 51 per cent international and 49 local exhibitors for Lima 2019, it would augur well for Malaysia's plans and aspirations in having a good mix of defence and transport for future Lima events.

He also emphasised the ministry's participation this year, which is 40 per cent compared to the previous year.

"For Lima 2019, the MOT (Transport Ministry) pavilion is represented by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAAM), Marine Department of Malaysia, Air Accidents Investigation Bureau (AAIB), Port Klang Authority (PKA), Johor Port Authority, Penang Port Commission, Bintulu Port Authority and University Malaysia of Terengganu (UMT) and others.

"As for the country category, Turkey took the biggest pavillion followed by Russia, and United Kingdom, United States, China and France.

"The commercial pavilion is spearheaded by the Ministry of Transport, while the largest local company is Boustead Heavy Industries Corporation Bhd (BHIC) followed by National Aerospace & Defence Industries (NADI), Mubibbah Engineering Bhd and Sapura Group Bhd," he told the media in a briefing here today.

Loke also noted that the largest international company for Lima 2019 was Aselsan from Turkey, BAE Systems from the UK and Dassault Aviation from France.

He said the Marine Department was highlighting the e-Navigation, a system that provides marine information on board and ashore by electronic means to enhance berth navigation and related services for safety and security at sea and marine environment protection.

Further, at Lima 2019, the Malaysia Aviation Academy (MAVA) will also bring a simulator demo used for Air Traffic Control (ATC) officer during training.

"On the aviation side, Malaysia has been a member of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) since May 7, 1958, has also taken prominent role in the work of the council and continues to contribute significantly towards achieving ICAO's vision in the global aviation industry," Loke said.

The collaboration of the Defence and Transport ministries for Lima 2019 was in line with the theme 'Defence and Commercial Connecting Intelligence'.

The event also saw more than 400 official delegates from 46 countries present and more than 40,000 trade visitors are also expected to attend the five-day event.

Lima 2019 will officially kickstart tomorrow till March 30 at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC) and at Resorts World Langkawi (RWL) for the maritime side.

The international-level event will feature defence and commercial, maritime and aerospace, shipbuilding and ship repair, civil aviation, manufacturers, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), airport equipment and services, training and simulation, helicopters, safety and security equipment as well as unmanned systems, to name a few.