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SIGNS OF SUCCESS:

Agreements involve contracts with Defence Ministry

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DEFENCE Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi yesterday witnessed the signing of 24 agreements worth RM4.27 billion, over half of which are for the Malaysian Defence and Security Technology Park (MDSTP).

The MDSTP agreements signed yesterday, worth RM2.7 billion, were memorandums of agreement (MoA) with nine companies for partnerships in the establishment and support of development activities in the park.

The MoAs were signed with Arimal De System Sdn Bhd, Duro-mac (M) Sdn Bhd, Gem Elettronica SRI, Khadra Ventures Sdn Bhd, Selex Ex SPA, CSF Advisers Sdn Bhd, Italian Aerospace Research Centre, IDS Ignegneria Dei Sistemi SPA and Vitrociset SPA. The ministry's contracts were with:

AVIATION Holding Company Sukhoi, for the supply of spares, service and technical assistance for the Royal Malaysian Air Force's (RMAF) Sukhoi SU-30MKM aircraft;

ROSEBANK Engineering Pty Ltd,

for the provision of spares, maintenance, repair and overhaul services, training and technical services for the RMAF's F/A-18D Hornet and C-130 Hercules aircraft and S70 Blackhawk and Nuri helicopters;

HEI Tech Padu Bhd, for enhanced training aid system for the SU-30MKM Systems School at Gong Kedak air base;

UniKL Resource Sdn Bhd, for technical and engineering services for RMAF aircraft;

TELEKOM Malaysia Bhd, for communication services for the next three years;

MALAYSIA Airlines, for the flight movement of National Service Training Programme cadets; and, **PUNCAK** Niaga Holdings Bhd, for the research and development of a bio sand filtration system.

The ministry also handed over letters of acceptance (LoA) to:

MALAYSIA Airlines, for flight charter services between the peninsula and East Malaysia for the armed forces;

BHIC Defence Techservices Sdn Bhd, for the maintenance and supply of Oerlikon 35mm cannon and Skyguard radar for the army;

BHIC Aeroservices Sdn Bhd, for in-service support for the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) Fennec helicopters; and,

BHIC Bofors Sdn Bhd, for the supply and delivery of spares, maintenance and training for the Bofors 57mm and 40mm/L70 guns for RMN.

The agreements involved supplies and services worth more than RM548 million.

An MoA was also signed appointing the Association of Marine Industries of Malaysia (AMIM) as industry lead body for the shipbuilding and shiprepair sector.

AMIM then signed a memorandum of understanding with UniKL Sdn Bhd to develop shipbuilding and shiprepair industry training.

MDSTP also signed two MoUs with Bonetti Aircraft Supports SPA and Universita Degli Studi di Genova and Universiti Teknologi Mara — for partnerships similar to the nine MoAs the former had earlier signed.

The final MoU, worth RM1 billion, was between the Pahang state government and Aerotree Defence Services Sdn Bhd for the development of the Pahang International Aviation Park in Kuantan.



Defence Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi** (fourth from left) and Defence Ministry secretary-general **Datuk Seri Ismail Ahmad** (second from left) witnessing the exchange of memoranda of understanding between Aerotree Defence and Services Sdn Bhd Group chairman **Datuk Norida Hamzah** and Pahang State Secretary **Datuk Seri Muhammad Safia Ismail** in Langkawi yesterday.