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The Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) falls within the Klang Valley 2 vicinity and is proudly flaunting its new addition, the LCCT.

Kuala Lumpur International Airport, more fondly known as KLIA is what people will call, 'a destination in itself. Uniquely deigned, this self-contained airport has within its boundary all that is needed to encompass businesses, entertainment and relaxation.

The airport is part and parcel of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) in Sepang where placements of high technology industries are being actively pursued. KLIA is also situated just 20 minutes away from Malaysia's Administration Capital – Putrajaya adding value to investment and trade with convenience issues curbed.

KLIA is surrounded by four major cities; Kuala Lumpur, Shah Alam, Seremban and Malacca. The airport is a catchment area and offers opportunities for a hive of business activities.

KLIA was voted as the World's Best Airport (15-25 million passengers per annum) for two consecutive years, in the 2005 AETRA awards and 2006 ACI-ASQ awards.

Nature's Call

Efforts have been made to lend the vast airport a homely ambience, making travellers who come from across the globe feel welcome and at home in an instant. Couple that with a serene environment combined with high technology attractions, every angle has been explored and considered in its making.

Even nature and greenery are effortlessly meshed into the equation of the building, and made a focal point in the airport. This validates the "airport in the forest and forest in the airport" concept adopted and announced here. The environment and surroundings of the airport is transformed to functions



Modern interior at KLIA



The KLIA express train



Operating tower at KLIA

and activities that continuously embrace and enhance nature.

Already its neighbouring areas are given thorough consideration in order to tally with the concept of KLIA. The abundant forest areas adjoining will be preserved and transformed into an environment park containing recreational facilities.

Rest and Relax

For car racing enthusiasts a Formula One Race Track is located near the airport. A Formula One Race is scheduled in March every year with other races organized and conducted throughout the year, making it an exciting attraction spot. The track also caters for an array of other activities throughout the year including motorcycle and rally racing.

Being situated so close to the airport, tourists and race aficionados are quick to latch on to the programs held at this racing circuit with convenience issues addressed.

For a live-in environment an 80-room Airside Transit Hotel is located within the Satellite Building for the travel-weary transit passengers



International crafts dock at this airport

to rest and refresh themselves. In addition, a 441-room Five Star Hotel, The Pan Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur International Airport, is available within walking distance from the airport terminal building for other airport users to stay and enjoy all the facilities, close to KLIA.

The West Wing

In June 2005, fast-tracked construction at an approximate cost of RM108 million saw the birth of the Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT). This terminal was specifically built to cater to the growing passengers of the Low Cost Airlines, especially the passengers of Malaysia's first 'no-frills' airline, Air Asia.

In March 2006, the LCCT opened its doors. Located merely 20km away from the Main Terminal Building (MTB), this terminal is already buzzing with activity.

The 35,290 square meters terminal is designed and built to suit the Low Cost Carrier business model that requires basic terminal facilities and amenities. With this in mind, the terminal was designed to facilitate the passengers' movement of international and domestic departures and arrivals within a single floor operation area.

The existing parking apron and additional infrastructures such as car parks, surface access, curb side road and other utilities support the LCCT operation of the LCCT. This terminal is capable of handling 10million

passengers a year and there is scope for further expansion of up to 15 million passengers.

This terminal is managed and operated by Malaysia Airports (Sepang) Sdn Bhd. It features common facilities and amenities for the conveniences of the passengers and users of the terminal. Retail and F&B outlets are located at the Public Concourse and at Departure and Arrival Halls for both International and Domestic areas. Duty Free shops are available at the International Arrival & Departure Lounges.

Already the LCCT-KLIA has bagged an award. Just seven months into operations, it won the inaugural Capa Low-Cost Airport of the Year award for



A view of the runway

owning and operating the best LCCT airport in the region.

It is evident that low-cost travel is at the forefront of change in the region. The annual award introduced for the first time this year is aimed at commending LCCT's that understands and adapts to the needs of the specific sector.

Capa Executive Director, Peter Harbison said in a statement that KLIA established its dedicated LCCT facilities in record time, providing a terminal well-suited to the needs of the growing low-cost carrier (LCC) sector, adding that it is well-positioned to be a key player in the region.

Datuk Seri Bashir Ahmad, the

Managing Director of Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd, the operator of the LCCT, said to-date some 5 million passengers had passed through the LCCT-KLIA, and the passenger volume is expected to increase by the year-end.

The LCCT is indeed a show for the capabilities of the main airport terminal at KLIA, and has in more ways than one restructured and reorganized the system of the airport by which no-frill airways are serviced by a different terminal. This not only boosts travel conveniences, it is also forward in thought considering the booming industry of no-frill airlines in Malaysia. Every element of the KLIA is futuristic and innovative, embracing new plans and growth while at it.