

LIMA 2023 PRESS STATEMENT

CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCE, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

1. I am pleased to announce that the 16th Installation of the Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition or better known as LIMA will be run from 23 to 27 May 2023 in Langkawi Island.
2. The last LIMA edition was LIMA 19 as the 2021 edition had to be cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic. With the borders now fully opened with travel behavioural patterns returning to pre-pandemic times, we are confident that LIMA 2023 will become the most sought after event in the Region.
3. With the hiatus of 3 years since the last LIMA 19, not only is the Government and the organisers gearing up in full force but the Exhibitors, foreign delegations and the public are all excited and very much looking forward to LIMA 2023.
4. The Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA) is by far the only show of its kind in the world. The showcasing of both the Maritime and Aerospace industries under one roof every 2 years in serving the Asia Pacific region is both unique and niche . No other show anywhere else in the world carries this portfolio or profile where Airshows and Maritime shows are concerned.
5. Furthermore, the LIMA series of exhibitions which debuted in 1991 has come a long way for the last 30 years where it has acquired its well deserved position as the Asia Pacific regions' biggest and most sought after event .
6. We foresee that LIMA 2023 will break all previous records and achieve upward trajectory numbers as follows:
 - i. No of exhibiting companies :600
 - ii. No of International Pavilions :20
 - iii. Trade and public visitors :45,000/238,000
 - iv. Foreign Delegations :380 (41 nations)
 - v. Aircraft static/aerial display :110
 - vi. Ships static display :110
7. LIMA 2023 is all set to become the best platform for global defence industry players specifically in the aerospace and maritime fields to have face to face in person meetings and discussions after the covid 19 pandemic. This by default creates more opportunities for local companies to engage and strike business dealings in the form of MOUs and JVs which is very much in line with the National Defence Policy which is being curated even as we speak.
8. I am pleased to share that the overall components and elements of LIMA will remain as follows :
 - i. There will be a large indoor exhibition which will cover the entire Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC) where all booths, pavilions, technical presentations, industry zones including SMEs and Startups amongst others will be showcased.
 - ii. The indoor space will also house the Government Office Suite and Courtesy Call suites as well as a full fledge Media Centre. The VVIP Viewing Deck is also within this indoor venue.

- iii. Hospitality Chalets, aircraft static displays as well as the aerobatic shows will be on show outside the MIEC venue.
- iv. There will be some new features and highlights during LIMA such as a dedicated Space Technology zone comprising some 30 to 50 companies showcasing their technology and services in the space industry as well as a Space National Level Conference , a wholistic Youth programme focussing on education and career development whilst providing leisure through an egames convention and tournament as well as a segment on Women In Defence . Besides that, the tradition flagship events such as the Chiefs of Navy Roundtables and Chiefs of Airforce Roundtables / Forums will remain key highlights of LIMA 2023.
- v. The Maritime Segment will be showcased via the static display and demonstrations which will be held at the Resort World area. VIP delegates and relevant trade visitors will be scheduled to visit this dedicated Maritime Segment on a daily. Public visitors will also be able to shuttle between both locations throughout the 5 days via 1 pass.

SECRETARY GENERAL , THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

1. The Ministry of Transport Malaysia is delighted to announce that the much anticipated and much awaited LIMA will be held from 23 to 27 May 2023 in Langkawi.
2. I am pleased to share that the Ministry of Transport is committed in promoting the commercial segment for maritime and aerospace industries which is estimated to cover 40% of LIMA .
3. I strongly believe with the combined forces and effective synergy between the two Ministries, namely the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Transport as well as relevant agencies and stakeholders, LIMA 2023 is well underway to becoming the best platform to reliven the commercial sectors in maritime and aerospace which were gravely affected by the pandemic.
4. The commercial sector for maritime and aerospace will focus on core products and services , ancillary services, latest technological advancement and education, academic and career opportunity.
5. Based on current trends and development, Malaysia has witnessed the upward trajectory in the drone industry with at least 200 drone companies who have been identified currently operating in Malaysia. There are local companies who have successfully become the catalyst and drivers in the drone industry and these companies can use this platform to further expand their potential business opportunities not just locally for globally as well.
6. The Ministry of Transport will work closely with other Ministries including the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation as well as the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia in order to acquire the participation of more companies from other key sectors such as agriculture, logistics, creative media and recreation, environmental conservation, estate planning , construction and energy.
7. The Ministry of Transport welcomes participation from all local stakeholders from the commercial maritime and aerospace industry sectors to seize this opportunity to take part in a world class exhibition showcased in our very own homeland. This is in tandem with our National Transport Policy which is to widen our footprint in the global arena and to promote the internationalization of transport services.
8. I am pleased to share that some of the highlight events we are currently curating will consist an elite forum with Airline CEOs besides running a conference on Maritime . We will also look into conducting Drone Demonstrations and possibly drone racing to add further excitement especially for our youth.
9. Another key focus is in conducting a career fair in the Maritime sectors especially since we are expecting some 238,000 public visitors to throng LIMA on the last 2 days . We aim to seize this opportunity to reach out to students and graduates to woe them into the various careers in the Maritime fraternity.