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“IEM STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT TO MALAYSIA’S AVIATION SAFETY CULTURE AND NATIONAL AEROSPACE AGENDA THROUGH THE 2026 IEM AVIATION SAFETY COMPETITION AWARD CEREMONY”

SERDANG, 27 June 2026 – The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM), through its Mechanical Engineering Technical Division (METD), successfully held the 2026 IEM Aviation Safety Competition Award Ceremony at MyAERO Summit 2026, under the theme “Safe Skies Start with Airworthiness Compliance.” The programme was supported by key aviation stakeholders including the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM), National Aerospace Industry Corporation Malaysia (NAICO), Directorate General Technical Airworthiness Malaysia (DGTA), Singapore Institute of Aerospace Engineers (SIAE), Technological Association Malaysia (TAM) and industry sponsors.

The ceremony was graced by YBhg Dato’ Captain Norazman Mahmud, Chief Executive Officer of CAAM, who delivered the keynote address highlighting the importance of strengthening Malaysia’s aviation safety culture through collaboration, innovation and continuous improvement. His presence reflected CAAM’s continued commitment to advancing regulatory excellence, safety awareness and strong industry partnership in support of Malaysia’s aviation ecosystem.

Held in conjunction with MyAERO Summit 2026, Malaysia’s premier aerospace platform from 25 to 27 June 2026 at MAEPS Serdang, the event brought together regulators, industry leaders, aircraft maintenance professionals, students and future aviation talents. MyAERO Summit 2026 focuses on aerospace, future mobility, astronautics technology, STEM talent and aerospace maintenance capability development.

The event also featured the aviation safety forum titled “Beyond Compliance: Building a Sustainable Aviation Safety Culture for Malaysia,” with participation from CAAM, NAICO, DGTA, Datuk Wan Hasmar, Mr. Lee Yang Loong as industry representatives. The forum provided an important platform to bridge civil and military aviation perspectives, strengthen mutual understanding and promote shared responsibility in airworthiness, compliance, safety culture and maintenance professionalism.

IEM affirms its strong support for the national aerospace agenda and will continue to work closely with CAAM, DGTA, NAICO and industry stakeholders to promote engineering professionalism, technical competency, airworthiness awareness, safety governance and sustainable aerospace talent development. As Malaysia continues to strengthen its aerospace ecosystem, IEM recognises that aviation safety is not only a regulatory requirement, but also a professional, ethical and national responsibility.

Through METD, IEM has also taken the lead together with NAICO to advance the professionalisation of aircraft maintenance engineering professionals, particularly Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (LAEs), aircraft technicians and technical personnel serving within the aviation and MRO sectors ecosystem. This initiative supports a stronger professional pathway for aviation maintenance personnel, greater recognition of technical responsibility and deeper alignment between engineering institutions, regulatory authorities and aerospace industry needs.

The award ceremony further recognised outstanding participants of the IEM Aviation Safety Competition 2026, whose submissions reflected creativity, awareness and commitment towards aviation safety. IEM congratulates all winners and expresses sincere appreciation to every committee member, volunteer, judge, speaker, sponsor and supporter who contributed to the success of the programme.

IEM believes that building a sustainable aviation safety culture requires trust, teamwork and long-term collaboration. The success of this event has demonstrated that when professional bodies, regulators, military technical airworthiness authorities, government agencies, industry players and young talents come together under one shared purpose, Malaysia can continue to build a safer, stronger and more resilient aviation future.

Together, we support airworthiness. Together, we strengthen safety. Together, we engineer Malaysia’s aerospace future



From left to right:

Ir. Dr. Ricky Liew (IEM, METD Chair), Brigadier General Samsuri bin Abu Bakar (TUDM), Datuk Wan Hasmar (Weststar Aviation Services, CEO), Dato Capt. Norazman Mahmud (CAAM, CEO), Dr. Mohd. Khalid (NAICO, SVP), Ir. Ts. Hj. Abrizan bin Abdul Kadir (IEM, Vice President), Mr. Lee Yang Loong (BMM, CEO) and Mr. Kenneth Yeo (SIAE, President)

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