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A AAPA COMMENTS ON KLIA DEVELOPMENT PLANS

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Responding to today's announcement in relation to the further development of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), Mr. Andrew Herdman, Director General of AAPA said in a statement:

"We welcome the decision to focus on the continued development of KLIA."

"However, we view with concern reports that the Government is at the same time considering an application from Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad for sharp increases in both the passenger service charge and other airport charges."

"We believe the imposition of higher charges would be detrimental to the continued successful development of tourism and of KLIA as a regional hub airport. A proper process of industry consultation should take place before such new charges are introduced."

"We will be pressing for greater transparency and a level playing field. Certainly, there should be no question of established carriers being expected to subsidise new entrants."

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