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Dassault Aviation and USM To Jointly Explore Areas of Cooperation

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Kuala Lumpur, 15 April 2014 - Dassault Aviation and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to confirm their common willingness to explore jointly possible areas of cooperation and to benefit mutually of their expertise. This MoU brings together the strengths of USM, an education of higher learning that provides world class educational and research programmes, and Dassault Aviation, one of the world leaders in aerospace and related advanced technologies.

The preliminary topics of cooperation identified are **collaborations in common educational projects and shared research and development (R&D) projects, with specific technical focuses such as system integration and composite manufacturing.**

Daniel Fremont, Rafale Program Director Malaysia for Dassault Aviation, said, "We have identified USM, one of the top Malaysian institutions in aerospace education and innovation, as **a major partner to be part of the Dassault Aviation worldwide universities network.** Supporting human capital development and technology building in Malaysia, with the help of highly-skilled partners such as USM, is one of the key points of our coming cooperation programme."

Professor Muhamad Jantan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation of USM commented, "At USM we value friendship and close collaborations. This Dassault Aviation-USM MoU is an opportunity for USM to become a world class research university developing cutting-edge technologies. We are proud to have Dassault Aviation with its vision of 'Higher Together' supporting us with our initiatives."

The MOU is within the framework of the Cooperation Programme (offset programme) in accordance with the Malaysian Ministry of Defence's requirements for the future acquisition of multirole fighter aircraft for the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

Dassault Aviation, system integrator and manufacturer of the Rafale, together with its partners in Rafale International, Snecma, for the engine and Thales for the electronics, has proposed the Rafale aircraft to Malaysia.

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About Dassault Aviation

In the past sixty years, Dassault Aviation has delivered more than 8,000 civil and military aircraft to 83 countries, logging some 28 million-flight hours to date. This unique worldwide experience has allowed Dassault Aviation to build up considerable expertise in the design, development, production, sale and support of all types of aircraft and a recognized and demonstrated know-how, innovative operational solutions, as well as a pragmatic and dynamic approach to co-operation. Within the frame of a step-by-step approach initiated several years ago, its know-how in the field of systems technologies and airborne vectors allow the company to propose the best cost-efficient solutions to the users. Thanks to a pragmatic approach in its partnerships, Dassault Aviation has been able to establish a wide cooperation network with other companies, which is not only optimized for the success of today's programs, but also contributing to the synergy of tomorrow's defence industries.

About USM

Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) is one of the leading universities in science and engineering technology in Malaysia which is primarily located in northern part of Malaysia. With over 30,000 students across four different local campuses, USM strives to excel in research & developments while ensuring quality teaching and learning environments. Many of USM faculty members are known worldwide for their expertise, particularly those from engineering and molecular sciences. USM also has a very close two-way industry linkages with several local and foreign organizations. These linkages provide research & funding avenues, training platforms and potential employments for staff and students as well as serving the needs of the industry. USM's vision "Transforming Higher Education into a Sustainable Tomorrow" serves as reminder that sustainability is crucial for future developments which can be achieved through higher education to educate leaders of the future generations.

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