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MALAYSIAN AEROSPACE FIRM AIRCRAFT INSPECTION, REPAIR & OVERHAUL DEPOT SDN BHD (AIROD) HELD A RECIPROCAL APPRECIATION CEREMONY WITH THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) OF THE HERCULES C-130 AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN AIR FORCE (RMAF) AT AIROD FACILITY IN SUBANG, MALAYSIA.

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AIROD and Lockheed Martin Celebrate 40-Year Strategic Partnership

Subang, Malaysia – Aircraft Inspection, Repair & Overhaul Depot Sdn Bhd (AIROD), Malaysia’s premier aerospace maintenance organization, commemorated its longstanding partnership with Lockheed Martin—the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the C-130 Hercules transport aircraft operated by the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)—during a recent formal appreciation ceremony at AIROD’s facility in Subang.

The ceremony marked 40 years of collaboration between AIROD and Lockheed Martin, highlighting AIROD’s status as an Authorized Hercules Service Centre and underscoring the strategic alignment between the two organizations in supporting regional air capability, evolving security partnerships, interoperability and defence readiness among Asia-Pacific nations.

Established in 1976, AIROD began as Malaysia’s first and only in-country depot-level maintenance facility, created to support the RMAF’s fleet of C-130 aircraft, including their engines, avionics, and aerostructures.

“The partnership between AIROD and Lockheed Martin is not only enduring but foundational to our success as a global MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) leader,” said Major General Dato Ir. Ibrahim bin Bahari, CEO of AIROD. “For four decades, we have shared knowledge, technology, and commitment to excellence, ensuring the operational readiness of the C-130 fleet for Malaysia and our international clients.”

“Celebrating four decades of partnership with AIROD highlights the enduring strength of our collaboration and the shared commitment to keeping the C-130 Hercules fleet at the forefront of operational readiness,” said Mark Jarvis, Lockheed Martin Director and Program Manager, Air Mobility and Maritime Missions International Sustainment Programs. “Together, we have built a foundation of trust, technical excellence, and innovation that supports Malaysia’s air capabilities and our global customers. As we look ahead, Lockheed Martin remains dedicated to deepening this relationship, expanding our commitment, and delivering the next generation of MRO solutions that will sustain the Hercules, ensuring readiness in the Pacific region and beyond.”

Headquartered in Subang, Selangor, AIROD has served more than 76 customers across 35 countries, providing comprehensive MRO services to both military and civilian aircraft fleets. The company has also supported the United States Air Force under previous U.S. government contracts.

Lockheed Martin is a global defense technology company driving innovation and advancing scientific discovery. The company is the OEM of the C-130 Hercules Tactical Airlifter, one of the most widely used military transport aircraft in the world.

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