Abang Jo: No necessity for another LCCT here

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KUCHING: There is no necessity for the government to build another Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT) at the Kuching International Airport as the present terminal is adequate and functioning well, said Tourism Minister Datuk Amar Abang Haji Johari Tun Openg.

“To me, building another terminal here is just a waste of money. Why not we just maximise usage on the present terminal?”

“The terminal is shared by various airlines and we still can expand the number of aircrafts to land here.

“If the space is not enough, we can just extend but not to build another terminal,” said Johari, adding that the most important thing is the connectivity.

Johari was talking to the press at a cocktail reception organised by the Malaysian Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Education (Independent Management Team) at the Sarawak Tourism Complex here yesterday.

At the function, Johari pointed out that racial diversity and hospitality are the state’s main brands to attract tourists, while urging the tourism players to be dynamic and to keep up with the changing times.

“Sarawak is in the midst of training more people for the tourism and hospitality industry, and the effort by UCSI University to implement work-based training is commendable,” he said.

Johari also suggested that tourism courses in the state should include adventure and eco-tourism as the state is rich in natural environment and flora.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed yesterday between UCSI University and Pullman Hotel Kuching, and the Sarawak Cultural Village.

The main objectives of the MoA were to continue the synergy vital for the Independent Management Team to revamp the national tourism and hospitality landscape.

Among those present were UCSI Vice-Chancellor Dr Robert Bong and the President of the Malaysian Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Education Associate Professor Dr Wong Kong Yew.

JOHARI (centre) witnesses the MoA exchange between UCSI Vice-Chancellor Dr Robert Bong (second right) and representatives of Pullman Hotel Kuching.

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