SEPANG: AirAsia Bhd and Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd (MAHB) have established a good line of communication to ensure the smooth running of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (klia2).

AirAsia's chief executive officer and executive director Aireen Omar said the airport operator had been quick to respond to issues highlighted by the carrier at the klia2.

She said this in response to a question on how the airline and MAHB were communicating over the matter.

"I think the issues are something they need to work closely with experts to address and cannot be solved overnight," she added.

AirAsia started its operation at the klia2 in May last year.

Aireen was speaking after a 30-minute interactive session with students from UCSI University yesterday.

In November last year, MAHB said the soil movement issue at the apron and taxiway areas of klia2 is expected to be settled in the next five years.

News reports quoted MAHB managing director Datuk Badlisham Ghazali as saying it is anticipated that there would still be some soil movement but less depression and water ponding in the areas.

"This kind of an environment not only affects operations, but also our biggest asset, the aircraft and other equipment. The Transport Ministry has set up an independent committee which is looking at finding ways to solve the problems we face," said Aireen.

On the Asean region, she said infrastructure constraints in the region would limit growth of the aviation industry.

"That is something we hope the regional grouping will look into alongside the standardisation of rules and regulations to grow the aviation industry within it," added Aireen.

Meanwhile, the interactive session today covered Aireen's career journey in the AirAsia group, and her views on leadership.

She also received the 'Malaysia's Top 10 Most Inspiring Young Leaders and Personalities Award' from UCSI University.

— Bernama
Aileen (fourth right) poses for a photo with students during the interactive session with students from UCSI University yesterday.