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PETRON MALAYSIA AND MALAYSIA AIRLINES SIGN AGREEMENT FOR A380 FUEL SUPPLY

Petron Malaysia and Malaysia Airlines signed a deal to supply and purchase fuel at a mutually favourable rate for the national carrier's entire Airbus A₃₈₀ flagship fleet for a period of 6 months.

The supply of fuel under this special arrangement will commence today, 1 July 2012. To celebrate the new relationship, Petron will provide complimentary fuel for Malaysia Airlines' inaugural A380 flight MH2 from Kuala Lumpur to London tonight. This fuelling arrangement will be serviced by Petron Malaysia's subsidiary Esso Malaysia Berhad.

Earlier, on 5 June, Malaysia Airlines also enjoyed fuel supply from Petron when it hosted staff and guests on its A380 route proving flight-cum-joyride, which included VIP guest Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammed.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Malaysia Airlines Group Chief Executive Officer, Ahmad Jauhari Yahya said, "Malaysia Airlines is happy to have found a supportive partner that is equally committed to the eco-friendly requirements of our A380. We are proud to say that Malaysia Airlines' A380 is fuelled by Petron."

According to Petron Corporation Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ramon Ang, "Petron is honoured to partner with Malaysia Airlines, now one of the world's few elite airlines that operate the Airbus A380. The trust given to us by one of the world's leading airlines serves to strengthen our commitment to bring world-class fuels and services to the market."

The new fuel deal will also be the launch pad for joint brand promotions by the two companies. This includes nationwide joint promotions through advertising in media, both print and digital, on billboards, at Petron's service stations and through Petron's loyalty card programme.

Malaysia Airlines' first A380 aircraft landed safely at KL International Airport earlier today and will begin preparations for its inaugural flight this Sunday night. The airline has ordered six (6) A380 aircraft, four of which will be delivered by the end of 2012 and the balance in 2013. The Kuala Lumpur - London route will be the first destination for the A380, to be followed by Sydney towards the end of November. There are also plans to fly the A380 to Narita Tokyo and/or Beijing for the other new additions to the Malaysia Airlines fleet.



Choong Kum Choy (right), Petron Malaysia Head of Commercial Business with Ahmad Jauhari Yahya, Malaysia Airlines Group Chief Executive Officer at the signing ceremony.