

With regard to navigational aids, there are plans to upgrade some of the existing non-directional beacons into VORs (VHF Omni-range). It is not known yet how many of the non-directional beacons will be converted since this is subject to budget approval. It is not yet known if the budget approval for the upgrading of the non-directional beacons into VORs will be decided by the new Corporation or by the Government.

The various projects which have been identified by the DCA for implementation under the Sixth Malaysia Plan include :

- i) Installation of three additional secondary surveillance radars; two in Peninsular Malaysia and one in East Malaysia (Bintulu).
- ii) Improvements to the Communications System : This would involve a move towards satellite based aviation navigational systems.

1.3 Airport Development Division

1.3.1 Airport Development Projects in Peninsular Malaysia

Airport infrastructure in Peninsular Malaysia is "relatively advanced/matured" with most major airports being capable of handling at least Boeing 737 jets.

a) Subang Airport

Subang Airport near Kuala Lumpur was first opened as an international airport in September 1965. Its two terminals are now handling about 5-6 million passengers per year and the airports is expected to reach maximum capacity by the mid 1990's. Thus there will be a need for additional facilities including a runway, terminal building, parking facilities and all other associated facilities.

b) Other Airport Development Projects

Kuantan Airport

The Government has approved the upgrading of Kuantan Airport to cater for B757 operations. The upgrading of this airport, which is in line with efforts to promote Kuantan as a major tourist destination, involves extension of the runway by 1000 feet. In addition, there are plans to build a new terminal, parking apron and other associated airport facilities. The project is currently on hold and Taylor Woodrow are undertaking a feasibility study to see whether it should go ahead.

Malacca Airport

There are plans to extend the Batu Berendam airport in Malacca by 400 meters at a cost of about M\$5 million (C\$2.2m) to accommodate larger aircraft. Presently only two airlines use the airport, namely Pelangi Air which runs its Ipoh-Malacca-Singapore route