MAS deploys full suite of Ramco aviation solutions

MRO SUPPORT: Project is among efforts to achieve full turnaround

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MALAYSIA Airlines (MAS) has deployed a full suite of aviation solutions by Ramco Systems Bhd to provide maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) support for more than 145 aircraft.

Last March, MAS inked a deal with Chennai-based Ramco for a groupwide transformational information technology (IT) implementation project to replace legacy enterprise software with Ramco Aviation and ERP Financials.

The project is among the many efforts MAS was taking to achieve a full turnaround, said MAS Aerospace Engineering (MAE) chief executive officer Ahmad Nazir Daulat.

According to Ahmad, the solutions would enable about 300 MAS engineers to access future-ready enterprise software, allowing them to automate or streamline many engineering functions, simplify compliance checks and improve inventory management and hangar maintenance.

"We made a major decision to migrate from a legacy system to Ramco’s integrated platform. Altogether, we will have 600 MAS engineers involved in this. The investment for this is worth millions of ringgit. We expect to recompense the investment in five years as it will open up a lot of business opportunities for MAS, especially a new stream of business," he said in a press conference, here, yesterday.

Ahmad said not only will MAS cut a record time of 11 months for implementation, it is also now able to reap exceptional benefits and transforms its engineering solutions across multiple locations.

By using bar code-enabled features and automation, MAS is now able to reduce the time taken to move spares from suppliers to warehouses and hangars worldwide.

"By July 2015, another 800 aircraft engineering and operational staff will be connected to the Ramco platform," he said.

MAE group chief executive officer (CEO) Ahmad Nazir Daulat said the net effect is a dramatic improvement in engineering efficiency, optimised fleet management, and reduction in aircraft on-ground time.

Meanwhile, Ramco CEO Virennder Aggarwal said he was extremely happy to witness a record time go live of a strategic implementation at MAS.

"Our teams defied great odds to achieve the impossible for a landmark project of great importance for both sides," he said.