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4PAM OBJECTS TO THE RENAMING OF klia2

4PAM is perplexed at the need to change the name of an Airport. The airport has been operational for the past 2 years and never has it been an issue. Why Now? klia2 is designed to allow seamless connectivity for both local and international low-cost plus full-service carriers, renaming it as low cost carrier terminal, defeats the intended purpose. Furthermore, we believe it will cause unwanted confusion in the minds of passengers who are familiar with the klia2 name. The name has already been accepted, recognised internationally and it is closely linked with KLIA. We also believe that, changing an airport code would be a complicated and extensive process simply because of all the charting and maps used by authorities worldwide. 4PAM believes it will be a waste of funds to rename the airport. These funds can be better utilised in the improvement of services at the airport for users, which are more crucial.

We fully support the Minister of Transport Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai who has urged AirAsia to stop raising the issue of renaming the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (klia2). 4PAM echoes this and urges Air Asia to focus on issues that affect users. AirAsia should not mix up the terminal name and their promotion exercise as a low cost carrier. 4PAM also acknowledges that AirAsia has established a strong brand of its own and they will be able to continue to grow at klia2.

We hope this matter can be quickly resolved and move on to more pressing issues that are of concern to Users, issues on Safety, Protection, Awareness and Rights of Users. This are the real issues that require focusing on and more needs to be done. 4PAM has repeatedly called for a joint body consisting of all stake holders. We believe that this problem could have been better managed if there was a joint consultative body comprising of all stake holders. We would like to appeal to the Minister to have User representation in MAVCOM. Users are the largest stakeholders in the equation and are often marginalised.

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