

First phase earthworks for new Mukah Airport starts today

KUCHING: The initial earthworks for the construction of the new Mukah Airport in the state's central coastal region commences today.

Homegrown contractor Hock Peng Furniture and General Contractor Sdn Bhd was awarded with a RM133.3mil deal, repre-senting the first phase of the project.

Present at the signing here yesterday were the company's managing director and chairman Datuk Toh Chiew Hock and Public Works Department director Zuraimi Subki.

It was witnessed by Infrastructure Development and Communications Minister Datuk Seri Michael Manyin.

Speaking at a press conference later, Manyin said the project marked another milestone for the coastal area development in Sarawak.

"The new Mukah Airport will provide a new connectivity along the coastal area which will sustain the economic development spurred by SCORE (Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy) activities," he said.

The new facility will be built on a site about 7km from the town centre at an estimated overall cost of RM600mil.

It is expected to be completed by 2018.

The Mukah airport project was announced by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin during his official visit to the division, prior to the Balingian by-election last month.

"We hope this would augur well for the development of Mukah as the centre of the SCORE," he was quoted as having said then. — Bernama