

Airbus eyes tie-up with Malaysian firms

COLLABORATION: Plane maker hopes to find sustainable feedstocks that may be suitable for making cleaner jet fuel

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AIRBUS Group NV has agreed to work with companies in Malaysia to study feedstocks in the region that may be suitable for making cleaner jet fuel.

The airplane maker will work with groups such as Aerospace Malaysia Innovation Centre, Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology and Universiti Putra Malaysia, Toulouse-based Airbus said in an emailed statement.

“Southeast Asia is a wide and productive region in terms of biomass. According to our latest Global Market Forecast, Asia Pacific will lead in world traffic by 2032,” Airbus new energies programme manager Frederic Ey-

chenne said in the statement yesterday.

The partners will study sustainable feedstocks and evaluate costs and technologies to help drive the commercialisation of cleaner aviation fuel. Airbus is working on similar projects in other parts of the world, including Canada, China and Europe.

Airbus and Boeing Co are among plane makers building supply networks for alternative fuel as the industry seeks to cut carbon-dioxide emissions in half by 2050, compared with 2005 levels.

Airlines including Deutsche Lufthansa AG and Air-France KLM Group already have flown passenger planes using kerosene blended with fuel made from inedible plants and organic waste. **Bloomberg**