Weststar orders new helicopter

LANGKAWI: Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd has signed an agreement for the purchase of a new AS350 B2 helicopter valued at around RM8 million from Eurocopter Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

Group managing director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said the new acquisition would help support an increasing demand for its VIP transport and charter services as well as the growth in general aviation operations.

"It is the company's philosophy to constantly upgrade our fleet of helicopters to ensure the highest standard of safety and reliability for both customers and flight crew," he told reporters after signing the contract yesterday.

Expected to be delivered in October next year, the AS350 B2 is a single-engine helicopter, recognised as one of the most versatile and sought-after in its category.

The purchase makes Weststar one of the leading companies providing general aviation services in the country, with its total general fleet of eight helicopters and three private jets. — *Bernama*

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