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KUALA LUMPUR: Tabung Haji has inked an agreement with Malaysia Airlines (MAS) to carry pilgrims to the holy land during the haj season this year.

Under the agreement, MAS will provide 78 charter flights on its B777-200 aircraft.

Tabung Haji group managing director and chief executive officer (CEO) Tan Sri Ismee Ismail said it emphasised greatly on the quality of services and was confident that MAS would continue to provide outstanding services.

"The airline's experience and competency in managing the pilgrims from Malaysia has encouraged Tabung Haji to extend the charter services," the pilgrims' fund said in a statement yesterday, adding that the haj partnership started in the 1980s.

Malaysia Airlines Bhd chief executive officer Christoph Mueller said both companies were committed to providing comprehensive, superior

and comfortable ground and in-flight services for the pilgrims.

"We are honoured to be selected for the haj partnership and pleased that our efforts have met the standards expected," he said.

The charter flights will depart in two phases, with the first phase from August 16 to September 16 and the second phase from September 29 to October 28.

The services will be available from seven haj departure stations, including here, Penang, Johor Baru, Alor Star and Kota Kinabalu.

Ismee and MAS chairman Tan Sri Md Nor Md Yusoff witnessed the signing at Tabung Haji's headquarters, here.

Tabung Haji senior general manager Datuk Syed Saleh Syed Abdul Rahman and human resource senior general manager Mohd Hisham Harun signed for Tabung Haji, while Mueller and MAS haj and charter vice-president Yazid Mohamed signed for the airline.



Malaysia Airlines Bhd chief executive officer **Christoph Mueller** (right) exchanging documents with Tabung Haji senior general manager **Datuk Syed Saleh Syed Abdul Rahman** (left) after the signing of the charter flight agreement yesterday. With them are MAS chairman **Tan Sri Md Nor Md Yusoff** (second from right) and Tabung Haji group managing director and CEO **Tan Sri Ismee Ismail**.