

“National Treasure of Russia”



Irkut at LIMA

Russian Knights perform with Su-30MKM fighters

Irkut Corporation (a UAC member company) took part in LIMA'17 (the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace exhibition), Malaysia, from 21 to 25 March 2017.

Irkut-manufactured Su-30SM and Su-30MKM fighters of the Russian and Royal Malaysian Air Forces respectively flew over the exhibition, with the Su-30SM making its debut in colours of the Russian Knights

aerobatics team. In addition, Irkut's entire product line was on display in model form at the UAC stand: the Su-30SME fighter, the Yak-130 and Yak-152 training aircraft, and the new MC-21 commercial airliner.

On first day of the show, top officials from Irkut Corporation and UAC held a meeting with pilots from the Russian Knights aerobatics team and the RMAF's 11th Squadron. Crews of both countries praised the flight characteristics of their Su-30-family aircraft. General Dato' Sri Hj Affendi bin Buang, Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force, said the Su-30MKM fighter was “among the best of its class and expressed his gratitude to the builders of the aircraft. Development of the Su-30MKM programme is very important for Malaysia's defence capability,” he said.

The Malaysian and Russian pilots, whose performances evoked the admiration of the audience, praised the flight characteristics of their aircraft. Col Gborg, a Royal Malaysian Air Force pilot said the Su-30MKM was a “wonderful aircraft. This is the best fighter I have flown in my twenty-year career,” he stressed!



Pilots of the Russian Knights and the RMAF's 11th Squadron pose with Su-30SMs on the first day of LIMA'17