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Visitors at one of the previous airshows.



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About 95 per cent of space for Bahrain International Airshow 2018 has been already booked, said Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal Ahmed.

“Now the cost of the event is zero as the space rents would cover all expenses,” he said, during an exclusive interview with Tribune. “During previous exhibitions the Government was taking care of expenses but this time there is no need to spend a single dinar as we have obtained enough money by leasing out the space,” Mr Ahmed pointed out.

He confirmed that his ministry and authorities concerned within the Government are ready to organise the airshow in the coming November.

“It will be the largest on record. In the last airshow in 2016, only half of the space was rented to aviation companies. But this time we will be leasing out 100 per cent of the area,” the minister pointed out.

“We have been successfully able to sell nearly 95 per cent of the space to major international companies such as the European Airbus, the Boeing Company of America, Gulf Stream of America, BAE Systems of the UK, Lockheed Martin, French, Italian, Russian, Turkish and Indian companies as well as many companies from the GCC, the Middle East and North Africa.”

“The exhibition hall was expanded to 10,000 square meters, and the hall was divided to accommodate the largest number of companies and international exhibitors,” he revealed.

The minister stressed that hosting the airshow in the past years have contributed positively to enhancing the growth of the national economy.

“The airshow boosts spending in many forms, be it hotel reservations, restaurants, retail businesses apart from the mainstream revenues,” he added.

The airshow will be held from November 14 to 16 at Sakhir Air Base and will witness the presence of latest civil and military aircraft vehicles. Special programmes will be organised for children, adults and families on the sidelines of the event.

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