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New deal for MAS stewardesses

News update from The Star's Newsdesk

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia Airlines stewardesses can now have up to three children and opt to continue on ground jobs after the age of 45 instead of retiring.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy said these were among several new provisions added to the MAS collective agreement through a letter of exchange between the airlines and Malaysia Airlines System Employees Union (MASEU) early last month.

He said the revision was carried out following pressure from several women-based non-governmental organisations that had accused MAS of being discriminatory towards its stewardess.

Under the previous provisions, MAS stewardesses were only allowed to have up to two children.

Except for a few exceptional cases, they were required to resign after the age of 45.

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