

Yuan (\$7.56 billion) in 1995 — is likely to increase its budget by a further 17% in 1996. Military spending is also rising in south-east and east Asia by between 6% and 10% a year.

McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems will be promoting its AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter, while Denel of South Africa will be looking for sales of the Atlas Aviation CSH-2 Rooivalk attack helicopter. Both manufacturers are competing for orders from the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF). The RMAF's five-year defence plans involve a requirement for an initial 12 helicopters, consisting of between six and ten logistical-support helicopters and between five and nine single-engine scout helicopters.

The Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) plans to purchase 16 McDonnell Douglas F-18Cs/Ds. The \$400 million contract is dependent on the purchase by the RTAF of the Hughes AIM-120 advanced medium-range air-to-air missile (AMRAAM). If the order does proceed, it will mark the first sale of the AMRAAM in Asia.

Airbus Industrie, Boeing, MDC and Israel Aircraft Industries will be competing for an RSAF contract for two jet-powered tankers. The manufacturers are offering tanker/transport versions of their respective A310, 767, KDC-10-30 and modified Boeing 707 aircraft to replace the existing fleet of ten Lockheed Martin C-130s and four KC-130Bs. Final selection of the aircraft is not due until April.

With the Philippine and Indonesian air forces also in the market for affordable secondhand fighter aircraft, manufacturers will be keen to make the right impression.

The official launch of Samsung's KTX-II light fighter/trainer programme is expected at Asian Aerospace '96. The South Korean-based company is believed to be holding discussions with Lockheed Martin over investing a 20% stake in the programme.

The military debutantes include, if only for a brief stopover, a Northrop Grumman B-2 Stealth bomber. The \$835 million aircraft recently hit the headlines following a threatened \$550 million cut in funding by the US Government.

As the aerospace market in the Asia-Pacific continues to grow, companies the world over will be eager to invest in the region. Swiss-based operator, Jet Aviation, for example, recently acquired DHP Aviation at Seletar Airport in Singapore. According to the company's vice-president and general manager, Theo Staub, "...there is big potential for growth in the Far East".

According to US Department of Commerce statistics, US companies operating in Singapore between 1990 and 1992 received an average 29% return on investment. This region is competing successfully with the already fragile economies of the West by using its attractive business environment and trading infrastructure to entice companies. □

## AIRCRAFT ON STATIC DISPLAY

Aeroprakt A-20	Dornier 328-100
Agusta/PADC SF.600	Fokker 50
Ai(R) ATR 42-500	Fokker 70
Ai(R) ATR 72-200	Gulfstream IV-SP
Ai(R) RJ85	Ilyushin Il-96M
Ai(R) Jetstream 41	Ilyushin Il-78
Antonov An-32P	IPTN CN-235
Beech Beechjet 400A	Kaman SH-2G
Beech Super King Air 350	Kamov Ka-32T
Beech 1900D	Learjet 60
Bell AH-1W	Learjet 31
Bell 407	Lockheed Martin F-16
Bell 412CF	Lockheed Martin C-130
Bell 430	Lockheed Martin C-130H
Boeing 777-200	Lockheed Martin PC-3C Orion
Boeing CH-47D	McDonnell Douglas AH-64D
Boeing KC-135	McDonnell Douglas F-15
Canadair CL-415	McDonnell Douglas F/A-18
Canadair Challenger 601-3R	McDonnell Douglas KC-10
Canadair Regional Jet	Mil Mi-8AMT
Canadair Global Express	Pilatus PC-7 MkII
CASA C-212	Piper PA-46-350P Malibu Mirage
CATC K-8	Raytheon Hawker 800
CATC XAC-X7H-500	Saab 2000
Cessna 208 Grand Caravan	Sadler A-22
Cessna Citation X	Sikorsky S-76 MkII
Dassault Falcon 900EX	Sikorsky SH-60B
Dassault Falcon 2000	Sikorsky UH-60
Dassault Rafale B	Sukhoi Su-27
Dassault Mirage 2000	Tupolev Tu-204
De Havilland Dash-8 Series 300	

## FLYING DISPLAY

Antonov An-32P	Canadair CL-415
Bell 430	CATC K-8
British Aerospace Hawk TMK1	Dassault Rafale
Kamov KA-32T	Dassault Mirage 2000-C
McDonnell Douglas A-4SU	Lockheed Martin F-16A
McDonnell Douglas F-18	Pilatus PC-7 MkII
Mil Mi-8	Sukhoi Su-27

The list is accurate according to information received up to and including 22 January

