

## **MAS sued by brother of man who disappeared with flight MH370**

Malaysia Airlines is being sued in a United States court by the brother of an American man who was a passenger on its flight MH370 which disappeared in March 2014.

According to Bloomberg, victim Phillip Talmadge Wood was on a temporary work assignment for International Business Machines Corp in Malaysia when he boarded the flight to Beijing. Flight MH370 disappeared while en route to the Chinese capital from Kuala Lumpur.

Thomas Wood, who is managing the affairs of his brother's estate, is seeking as much as the US\$155,937 (S\$225,000) maximum automatically allowed under the terms of the 1999 Montreal Convention and more, reported Bloomberg.



MAS has to prove that the death of Mr Wood was caused by something other than the negligence of the carrier or those in its employ.

Based on the documents filed in court, Bloomberg added that Mr Wood was survived by his sons Nicholas and Christopher.

Bloomberg contacted MAS via e-mail for a comment on the lawsuit, but reported that MAS spokeswoman Khairunnisak Dzunnurin has yet to reply.

MH370 was carrying 239 passengers and crew on a Boeing 777 when it disappeared. Malaysia's Department of Civil Aviation declared the incident an accident.

The only part of the airplane that has been found so far was a wing component which washed up in July 2015 on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. It was located some 3,800km from the search zone, according to Bloomberg.

More than 80,000 sq km of the full 120,000 sq km area has been scoured so far. The completed search by the Australian-led team is expected to be completed in the middle of 2016, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau said.