

It will be good for Jalan Petaling, too

I AM pleased that progress has been made on the Mass Rapid Transport project following the signing of a points of agreement between 21 Jalan Inai lot owners and MRT Corp.

As a businessman operating in Jalan Petaling, I was wondering why such a deal is not possible with the landowners here as well.

If the owners only need to move out for six months, all losses will be compensated and no buildings will be demolished, the MRT will be a boon for businesses here.

Tourists and visitors will find it easier and more convenient when the MRT is operational. There will definitely be an increase in walk-in customers for drinks, food and newspapers.

Everywhere around the world

where the MRT runs through any particular area, businesses grow, property values go up and the area becomes vibrant and buzzing at all hours of the day.

Just take a look at Chinatown in Singapore and Leicester Square in London where businesses are busy day and night, thanks to rail networks that pick up and drop off people in these places.

If the MRT line were to reach the fringes of the main Jalan Petaling area or bypass this area entirely, we would lose this additional business. While there may be some inconveniences in the short term, I would be more than happy to sit it out for the bigger rewards in the long term.

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