

Construction to begin soon

Company conducting preparatory work for MyRapid Transit project

By **S.PUSPADEVI**
puspa@thestar.com.my
Photo by **ART CHEN**

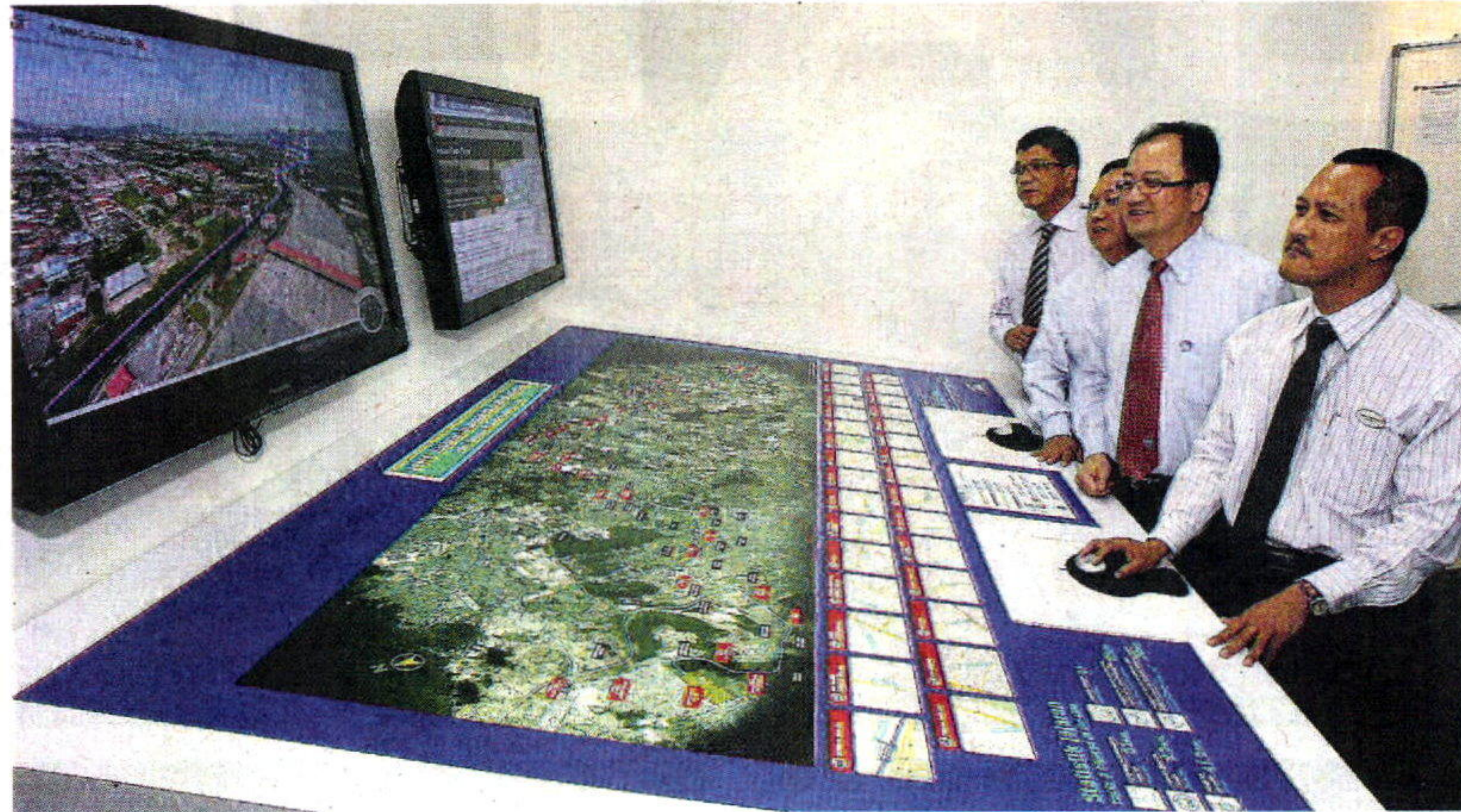
CONSTRUCTION work on the MyRapid Transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line is scheduled to start in two weeks once approval from the relevant local authorities have been obtained.

IJM Construction Sdn Bhd, which is part of the IJM group, has been awarded the elevated Package V5 to construct a viaduct guideway and other associated work from Maluri Portal to Plaza Phoenix station in Cheras.

IJM managing director and chief executive office Datuk Teh Kean Ming said it was conducting preparatory work.

"We are also making sure that we comply with the safety, health and environment requirements by the Department of Environment as well as rules and regulations of Kuala Lumpur City Hall, and the Land Public Transport Commission," said Teh.

"We are confident that the project will be delivered on time and IJM will work closely with the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) — MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd to ensure that matters involving the public such as environmental and



All set: (From left) Wan Zakariah, IJM Construction Sdn Bhd operations director Yong Juen Wah, Teh and MMC-Gamuda general manager Adil Putra Ahmad showing the project plan after the media conference on commencement of work packages.

traffic management as well as health and safety issues are given priority.

"We are working with traffic management experts to minimise inconvenience to motorists and we will inform the work progress and activities during the construction period," said Teh.

He added that the RM974mil

project, which is expected to be completed in 43 months, would involve 5.4km of elevated structures.

Meanwhile, AZRB managing director Datuk Wan Zakariah Wan Muda announced that its subsidiary Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd was awarded the elevated Package V6 to construct via-

duct guideway and other work from Plaza Phoenix to Bandar Tun Hussein Onn station.

"The contract is valued at RM764.9mil and the alignment makes full use of elevated structures covering 5.24km along the Cheras-Kajang Highway.

"Proper project implementation

plans are in place to meet the requirements of MRT Corporation and PDP, but most importantly to address the various concerns by the public, particularly on traffic diversions, environmental impact and disruptions to public utilities and services," said Wan Zakariah, adding that work is expected to be completed by June 2016.

Wan Zakariah said a 24-hour hotline (1800-82-6868) to handle enquiries and complaints, apart from a 24-hour Emergency Response Team and Traffic Management team would be made available during the construction period.

The announcement was made at a press conference jointly held with MMC Gamuda Sdn Bhd at the MRT Information Centre in Taman Tun Dr Ismail Plaza, Kuala Lumpur.

A viaduct guideway is an elevated guideway structure on which the tracks of MRT trains will be placed.

The Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line is 51km long with seven underground stations.

The first half of the alignment is scheduled to open by the end of 2016, while the second half including all underground stations by mid-2017.

MRT Corporation is the project and asset owner of the country's largest infrastructure undertaking so far.