

Build MRT but maintain heritage site

THE Mass Rail Transit (MRT) project is necessary for the convenience of the people, but the historical value of Jalan Sultan which forms part of the project route must be protected, said the chief executive officer of the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH) Tang Ah Chai.

He said such development was necessary for a busy city and the construction of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT project was the best move in overcoming the traffic congestion.

"Urbanisation in large cities such as Kuala Lumpur certainly cannot be avoided, but this should not be at the expense of national heritage," he told *Bernama* in Kuala Lumpur.

Tang hoped that the MRT project could change its route that had to pass through Jalan Sultan and suggested that the route be changed to Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock heading to Plaza Rakyat.

In November last year, the KLSCAH had urged the government to change the route of the MRT project which had been planned to pass through Jalan Sultan Ismail and Jalan Bukit Bintang by handing over a memorandum to the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohd Nazri Abdul Aziz.

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