

A better picture now of Jln Sultan MRT issue

I'M writing this letter in reference to an advertorial on the MRT published in *The Star*. All this while I was made to believe that the construction of the MRT in Jalan Sultan would destroy the heritage buildings in the area.

The Committee for the Preservation of Jalan Sultan and Jalan Bukit Bintang and the Kuala Lumpur-Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH) had been telling the public about how the MRT would affect our heritage and businesses in the area.

After reading the advertorial, I now have a better understanding of what the whole issue is all about.

The mutual agreement clearly states that there will be no acquisition or demolition of shophouses, and proper safety measures will be taken during and after the tunneling works.

Yes, the shop owners will have to vacate their shopplots for a maximum of six months, but they will be compensated for any inconvenience and loss of business. That is fair enough.

Thanks to the advertorial I now understand why the Jalan Sultan alignment is the best option compared with the alternatives proposed by these two groups.

I believe that the alternative alignments will create more negative impact on the landowners and cause privately-owned buildings to be demolished compared with only three government-owned buildings in Jalan Sultan.

The other options will also make it more difficult for public transport users to change from one station to another.

I hope that more people will seek a clearer picture of the situation instead of believing blindly what these opponents have to say. It's obvious that the committee and KLSCAH have been making baseless comments, unlike MRT Corp which evidently have their facts in place.

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