

# Display centre for safety, health and environment

**SHOWING THE WAY:** Aim is to let contractors see the proper working environment and procedures at construction sites

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**T**O help the public understand the working procedures at its construction sites, MMC-Gamuda Sdn Bhd has opened its Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) display centre at the Klang Valley My Rapid Transit depot construction site in Jalan Sungai Buloh.

MMC-Gamuda KVMRT PDP's (project delivery partner) general manager Adil Putra Ahmad said, during a



**Adil Putra Ahmad** says the facility is a first in Malaysia.

media briefing, that it was the first company in Malaysia to set up such a facility as part of induction training for its consultants, sub-contractors and workers.

"It is actually common in countries like South Korea and Singapore, where project partners show their contractors the proper and safe working environment and procedures.

"This is an ongoing process conducted specifically for the MRT project as new contractors are expected to join in. For instance, two more contractors are expected to be named soon for the viaduct guideway construction packages (from Sungai Buloh to Kota Damansara, and from Section 16 to Semantan), so they too can learn our SHE practices.

"The contractors will be brought for a tour at the display area and briefed of what is expected of them. This is opposed to the usual in-the-office slide show presentation with the appointed contractors," he said, adding that so far no accident has been reported at MMC-Gamuda work sites.

He said a proper set-up in construction sites will help prevent accidents like falling objects, ensure the safety of both workers and the public, and avoid delays caused by stop-work orders issued by the authorities after work site SHE incidents.

MMC-Gamuda safety and health manager Vasudevan Sundram said contractors are to adhere rules and regulations under the Factories and Machinery Act 1967.

Regular audits are then carried out at the sites to ensure all regulations and guidelines are followed through.

"For environmental matters, usually the Department of Environment will step in to carry out checks. Although some have been in the industry for a long time, they feel that it's a good move to help staff gain a better understanding of the safety procedures at the site. The real set-up at the display area accompanied by explanation by our representatives is beneficial to all.

"For example, for frame scaffolds erected according to the Building Operation and Engineering Regulations 1986, we showcase a complete model with net and steel caps as safety features. Our staff demonstrate working on them, equipped with safety harnesses to emphasise SHE importance."

He said contractors are provided with a checklist which includes 26 necessary items at construction sites, including "A" frame scaffold, fuel storage area, bar-bending machine, temporary noise barrier, pedestrian barriers, environmental recycle bins, portable toilets and site hoarding.



An excavation trench with guard rail.



'A' frame scaffold demonstration by MMC-Gamuda workers at the display centre. Pix by Mohd Yusni Ariffin