

MRCB to build linking bridges at KL Sentral

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd (MRCB) has invested about RM40 million to build several linking bridges to facilitate smooth movements between buildings at Kuala Lumpur Sentral.

CEO Datuk Mohamed Razeek Hussain said the connection to Lot E, a Green Platinum building, has been completed with escalators and elevators for the handicapped.

"We are also building a linkage from the KL Sentral station to the lifestyle centre, Sooka Sentral, as well as for the Tun Sambanthan

Monorail Station to the Nu Sentral Retail Mall," he told reporters after delivering his speech at Semasa Sentral Sdn Bhd's 11th anniversary yesterday.

Razeek said the linking bridges will be completed by end-July or August.

The group is targeting 150,000 commuters daily.

"With the completion of the mass rail transit in 2017, for the peak period between 8am and 10am, we are expecting the MRT to bring about 10,000 passengers an hour to the KL Sentral station.

"That will be an addition of 30,000 to 40,000 passengers on top of the 150,000 daily. The station was built to cater to 250,000 commuters daily, so we are within the capacity," he said.

Razeek also said MRCB would allocate RM13 million to RM14 million for upgrading work at the station to improve the overall condition of the station.

"For the current financial year, we also plan to provide WiFi services for passengers at the station to keep them occupied during their waiting time," he said.

On the Eastern Dispersal Link (EDL) in Johor Baru, Razeek said MRCB is waiting for the government's feedback.

The EDL will link Pasir Gudang to the North-South Expressway, Hulu Tiram and Senai, he said.

"We notice that Jalan Tebrau is now less congested, that means the EDL is performing its function, and would benefit people living in Johor Baru.

"I must emphasise that it is toll-free for the people living there, and for the RM1.4 billion project cost, it is free forever," he added. — *Bernama*