



Overview plan: (From left) KVMRT Station Construction manager Alvin Goh, Haris and MRT Corp Strategic Communication and Public Relations director Amir Mahmood Razak showing the location of the MRT station on a large map outside UDA Ocean.

Three buildings to go soon

Safety measures and traffic plan to be implemented in Jalan Sultan

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THREE government-owned buildings, Plaza Warisan, UDA Ocean and Klang Bus Stand in Jalan Sultan, will be demolished to make way for MY Rapid Transit (MRT) station.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) will cooperate with project delivery partner MMC-Gamuda KVMRT Sdn Bhd to build the underground rail transport which will be integrated with the existing Pasar Seni LRT station.

MRT Corp Stakeholder Relations and Land director Haris Fadzilah said the company aimed to transform Kuala Lumpur into a world-class city with an effective transport system to cater for the increasing population in the Klang Valley.

"The MRT will facilitate improved accessibility for all and we fully support the preservation of heritage buildings in Jalan Sultan so that local and international tourists can enjoy the area's unique charm," he said.

The initial preparatory work started in early April.

The Klang Bus Stand will be redeveloped via the "Top Down Method" where it will be pulled down by excavators hoisted to the rooftop and followed by the other two

buildings.

The entire redevelopment work from the termination of utilities to evacuation and cleaning will take about six months.

Haris also mentioned that the MRT construction would be carried out with careful planning and thorough safety precaution taken to minimise impact on the surrounding community and buildings.

"We will ensure the project delivery partner adheres strictly to the highest level of safety with an efficient traffic management plan to reduce disruption in the area," he said.

Hoardings, heavy duty scaffolding, strong propping and bracing will be set up to prevent dust and noise pollution.

Covered walkways will also be built for pedestrians' convenience.

The closing of the affected areas will only be from midnight to 5am and safety personnel will be on site at all times to monitor all activities and to safeguard road users passing through the area.

The MRT project is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

"The new MRT station will definitely give Chinatown a new lease of life as it will promise visitors a hassle-free ride and a lot of convenience. It will also create more employment opportunities," said Haris.

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All to come down: The preparation work for the demolition of Klang Bus Stand had already begun.