

Danainfra plans RM8b sukuk

KUALA LUMPUR: Danainfra Nasional Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minister of Finance, Inc, will issue RM8 billion worth of government-guaranteed sukuk to partly finance the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit project.

The project is being developed and managed by Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp).

The finance ministry said the initial financing would be the Islamic commercial paper and/or Islamic medium term notes programme and/or syndicated Islamic revolving credit up to a combined limit of RM8 billion.

“Of the RM8 billion financing programme, the first drawdown is expected to be issued by early next month.

“The amount is expected to be sufficient to finance the project until June next year before further financing is to be raised.

“This depends on the total project cost that can only be finalised upon the last contract award by MRT Corp,” it said in a statement.

The ministry said AmInvestment Bank Bhd, CIMB Investment Bank Bhd, Maybank Investment Bank Bhd and RHB Investment Bank Bhd have been appointed the joint lead arrangers for the financing programme.

Danainfra was established as a social funding vehicle for the government to source for funds to finance infrastructure projects by the government. — *Bernama*