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REDEVELOPMENT OF KLANG BUS STAND TO NEW INTEGRATED PASAR SENI MRT STATION COMMENCES

Underground Pasar Seni station set to reinvigorate Chinatown and boost business in the area

Kuala Lumpur, 3 May 2012: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) announced today that work to redevelop Klang Bus Stand into the new underground Pasar Seni MRT station will commence immediately. The station will be a key integration point with the Pasar Seni LRT station, which is currently the busiest LRT station in terms of passenger traffic.

The Klang Bus Stand is one of the three Government-owned buildings, namely Plaza Warisan and UDA Ocean building that will make way for the new underground rail transport interchange. MRT Corp will work together with MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd, the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) of the MRT project to oversee the redevelopment works which will be undertaken by Pembinaan CW Yap Sdn Bhd.

Initial preparatory works were initiated in early April 2012 and the entire redevelopment works schedule will take about six months to complete. This includes the handover of buildings to the work contractor, termination of utilities, perimeter hoarding, scaffolding with safety netting, excavation, redevelopment and cleaning.

MRT Corp Stakeholder Relations & Land Director, Haris Fadzilah said the Klang Bus Stand redevelopment works involve a comprehensive plan that optimises cost, safety, environment and work efficiency to ensure that work can progress safely and smoothly.

“While the redevelopment is critical to ensure that the MRT is being constructed according to schedule, redevelopment works of this scale require time and careful planning to minimise any impact on the surrounding community and buildings.

We will ensure PDP adheres strictly to the highest level of safety and implements an efficient Traffic Management Plan as stated in the EIA. It will be enforced to minimise traffic disruption to businesses in the area during the construction period,” said Haris.

“During the construction, lane closures will only be effected from 12.00 midnight to 5.00am to ensure there will be no disruption of activity in the daytime. It will be business as usual,” added Haris.



Once the MRT is up and running, the current alignment which enables the Pasar Seni MRT station to be integrated with the existing LRT station will create a more attractive and vibrant environment for the Jalan Sultan and Jalan Petaling area.

This is in line with MRT Corp's stand to fully support the preservation of heritage buildings in Jalan Sultan and to reinvigorate Chinatown so that local and international tourists alike can continue to enjoy the area's unique charm for years to come. The redevelopment of the first of the three Government-owned buildings in Jalan Sultan marks the first concrete step towards making this vision a reality.

With the start of the redevelopment works of the three buildings, MRT Corp looks forward to a mutually acceptable solution with the owners of shophouses in Jalan Sultan to ensure the successful implementation of the MRT project.

"The Klang Bus Stand was an iconic transportation hub in the Klang Valley for about 40 years and redeveloping it into the new, integrated MRT station will give Chinatown a new lease of life. Chinatown is already a top tourist spot in Kuala Lumpur and the MRT will significantly enhance its attraction by creating employment opportunities, bringing in more businesses and making it more accessible to visitors once it is completed," said Haris.

"Our aim is to transform Kuala Lumpur into a world class city with a reliable and efficient transport system to meet the needs of the growing population in the Klang Valley. The MRT will facilitate improved accessibility for all and will push Kuala Lumpur to greater heights, on par with international standards," Haris added.

The Klang Bus Stand will be redeveloped via the 'Top Down Method' which involves the pulling down of the building by two to three units of excavators or equivalent fitted with hydraulic breakers and one unit of Bobcat that will be hoisted to the roof top. Physical hacking works will be carried out in a very controlled, safe manner on a floor by floor basis starting from the roof onwards.

Comprehensive precautionary measures to mitigate debris, dust and noise concerns will be in place during the entire redevelopment process. Measures such as perimeter hoarding of 3.6m in height with external heavy duty scaffoldings protection will be installed around the buildings. Strong propping and bracing will be fitted to further enhance safety and protection aspects during this period. Additional covered walkways will also be built for pedestrians' convenience. Safety personnel and supervisors will be on site at all times to monitor all activities and to safeguard road users and pedestrians passing through the area during the period.



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The MRT project is the nation's largest public infrastructure project and is a key enabler to achieving the Greater KL goal and propelling Kuala Lumpur into the top 20 most liveable and economically vibrant cities in the world by 2020.

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