

# MRT V3 viaduct work package to begin this month

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The RM816mil My Rapid Transit (MRT) V3 viaduct work package awarded to Mudajaya Corporation Bhd will start this month, MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid said.

He said the package was awarded to Mudajaya Corp in June.

"The company has been entrusted with the task of building the MRT viaduct guideway and other associated works from Dataran Sunway to Section 17.

"The viaduct guideway is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016," he told a media briefing yesterday.

The 6.03-km viaduct will be the alignment for three key MRT stations, namely The Curve, 1 Utama and Taman Tun Dr Ismail.

"Of the eight viaduct work packages, MRT Corp has disbursed seven.

"The remaining package, V8 (Taman Mesra-Kajang), is expected to be awarded at end-August," he said.

Of the total 85 work packages, MRT Corp had awarded 37 packages, 19 were being evaluated and tenders for 29 had yet to be

called, he said.

MRT Corp aims to disburse the 29 packages by year-end.

Azhar said the MRT project's total cost would be determined by year-end.

He said building materials' costs and cement supply were left to individual contractors.

"We're trying to manage steel prices as much as possible as small contractors cannot get a good price.

"This can be achieved by sourcing for materials on a centralised basis," he said.

In terms of trains supply, Azhar said there was no decision yet as to who would be the supplier.

"The process is being evaluated and we'll determine which supplier can give the best offer that meets our requirements.

"We expect the award to be issued by end of this month," he said.

Azhar said the MRT project moved from preparatory works to active construction phase early this month.

"There's no problem in terms of land issue.

"We try to minimise encroaching into private property," he added. — Bernama