



MEDIA STATEMENT

MRT CORP WELCOMES INITIATIVES PROVIDED IN BUDGET 2013

Kuala Lumpur, 28 September 2012: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) congratulates the Government for tabling Budget 2013 which aims to ensure the wellbeing of the rakyat while at the same time boost the country's prosperity.

MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid says the company takes the duty given by the Government in the implementation of its Bumiputera agenda very seriously.

"MRT Corp will ensure the 43% bumiputera participation in the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang project, valued at RM9 billion, is achieved," Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid says.

He adds that the MRT project, the largest infrastructure project in the country, will provide one of the best opportunities for bumiputera companies to enhance their skill set and capabilities.

Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid also welcomes the Government's steps to improve public transport including the introduction of Rapid Kuantan and the expansion of bus services provided by Syarikat Prasarana Negara Bhd to other parts of the country. He says these steps will increase usage of public transport amongst members of the public and will help reduce congestion on roads as well as help lighten the burden of people having to spend a considerable sum of their income on transportation. As such, the move to provide a 50% discount of bus fares to those earning RM3,000 and less will go a long way in reducing their spending on transportation.

Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid also welcomes moves to improve the security and reduce crime.

"One of the major concerns keeping people away from public transport is crime. Any move to provide a safer environment for commuters will in the right direction," he says.

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About the MRT Project

MRT is a new rail transport system for the Klang Valley. It is part of the government's Greater Kuala Lumpur/Klang Valley's National Key Economic Area (NKEA), under the Economic Transformation Programme. The Sungai Buloh – Kajang (SBK) Line runs for 51kms, from the north-west town of Sg Buloh to the south-east city town of Kajang. Upon completion, it will comprise 31 stations, and serve 1.2 million people along the route. It will also have strategic integration with KL's existing rail transport network, namely the LRT, Monorail and KTM Komuter, as well as intra and inter-city bus routes. The end result will be better connectivity for KL and its surrounding cities, while reducing the number of cars that enter the capital.



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