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MRT CORP WELCOMES NEW BARISAN NASIONAL MANDATE

GE13 win sets government “on right footing” to continue transformation plan

Kuala Lumpur, 7 May 2013: Barisan Nasional’s win at the recently concluded 13th General Election was welcomed by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp), saying the victory will ensure Malaysia can continue to focus on the transformation agenda set out by the Prime Minister.

MRT Corp CEO Dato’ Azhar Abdul Hamid says the mandate given to the ruling coalition will boost current efforts by the government to transform the economy.

“The Government’s Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) laid out by YAB Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak is clear in its objectives. This new mandate was critical to ensure that the government is able to carry through the programmes under the National Key Results Areas towards becoming a developed nation by 2020, which is just less than 7 years away,” says Dato’ Azhar.

One of the NKRAs is Improving Urban Public Transport, and MRT Corp says the KVMRT project is just one of the efforts to revamp the public transport issues plaguing Kuala Lumpur.

“The government recognises the public transport gap was a key part of dissatisfaction among KL residents, and the MRT is part of the effort to close this gap. Now that the elections are over, the focus can be re-honed towards delivery of this key infrastructure that will benefit millions of people in the Greater Klang Valley (GKL) area,” explains Dato’ Azhar.

Dato’ Azhar says that overall, he was happy with the progress of the project, which currently stands at 14%.

“We were at 3% in December 2012, then in March we achieved 7%, and we have doubled that now. This progress is obviously in part due to the cooperation of all the



government departments and agencies that work together towards completing this project on time. This new mandate to Barisan Nasional can only augur well for the project. I am pleased to note that currently we are on track, and the Sg Buloh – Kajang (SBK) Line will be operational by the July 2017 deadline,” he adds.

The SBK Line will run from Sg Buloh to Kajang, interconnecting with the other three urban rail systems already servicing GKL, namely the LRT, KTM Komuter and KL Monorail. It is expected to serve a catchment of 1.2 million residents, with a daily commuter target of 400,000 people.

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