

Better connectivity with walkway

KUALA LUMPUR: Pedestrians and commuters can now walk safely to Aeon Taman Maluri, thanks to the newly built covered walkway near an upcoming transport hub here.

The walkway, built at the Maluri interchange by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) connects the Maluri MRT and LRT stations to the mall.

MRT Corp communications and public relations director Amir Mahmood Razak told *Streets* yesterday said the 300m walkway was completed a few months ago and that works began late last year.

The walkway, however, is not seamless as it is not linked into the Aeon building.

“We hope more buildings will have such walkways so that the public can have better access to these stations.

“In Singapore for instance, there are 12 entries and exits into Orchard MRT station from surrounding buildings,” he said.

Amir also hoped that the authorities such as the Petaling Jaya City Council and the Kajang Municipal

Council would build or coordinate the construction of seamless walkways from MRT stations into neighbourhoods and business centres.

When asked on the safety of the walkways built by the company, Amir said that it would be well lit and guarded by police officers.

Amir also said that a total of 450 auxiliary police officers will be stationed along the routes of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang line.

“The first batch of 71 officers would be deployed to our sites after they complete their training in March next year.

“The Maluri interchange, marked as one of the busiest hubs, may also receive a team of officers once services are up and running.”

MRT Corp also conducted a walkabout at the work site of its underground station at Taman Maluri here yesterday.

Amir said the walkabout was organised to show the media the ethical practices the corporation employed at the work site of the Maluri

MRT station.

“This follows a number of complaints lodged by road users that our stretch is bumpy, potholed and uneven. The check, however, proved that our work site was in good condition due to the state of the art concrete reinforcement we have used,” he said.

The contractors were among others required to wash their lorries at work sites to prevent cement spills and sprayed roads with water before their lorries passed to prevent dust pollution.

Amir said the uneven stretches and vehicles parked on the road could be due to a number of projects on and around Jalan Cheras.

This includes the Sunway Velocity project and Besraya Highway extension project.

He said the complaints on congestion, uneven stretches, potholes and vehicles parked on the roadside were among the top three complaints the MRT Corp hotline received monthly since the construction began there last year. **By Veena Babulal**



Amir Mahmood Razak at the MRT construction site in Taman Maluri. Pic by Muhd Asyraf Sawal