

# More buffer time needed

MRT Corp wants to meet challenge of delivering MRT project on time

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd's (MRT Corp) chief executive officer Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid said the company is hoping to create more buffer time with regards to the completion of the Mass Rapid Transit project.

This, he said, would allow the project team to eventually cope with any eventualities and yet still be able to deliver the project according to schedule.

"The Prime Minister himself is very in touch with this project, and he wants to know exactly what is happening.

"On this count, we are, so far, on time, although I am not particularly satisfied. "I

want to be ahead as opposed to being just-on-time - this is not good enough as we cannot predict the future as something can happen that may delay it slightly.

"So we need to build this buffer to meet the challenge of delivering it on time," he added.

Azhar was speaking to reporters yesterday after signing agreements for the Klang Valley MRT (KVMRT) Offset Programme yesterday

with the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology or MIGHT.

The company signed agreements with six work package contractors - Meidensha-Meiden Malaysia Sdn Bhd JV, Bombardier (M)

Sdn Bhd, Siemens Malaysia Sdn Bhd-Siemens AG-SMH Rail Sdn Bhd JV, MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd, Affiliated Computer Service Solutions France SAS and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.

The programme will see the development of the necessary human capital by these contracted companies for the advancement of the local rail industry.

The programme will see personnel from MRT Corp, the Land Public Transport Commission or SPAD, the railway engineering industry, other rail operators and students from local universities being sent for overseas training in Austria, Germany, France, Japan and Thailand.

Upon completion of the training, the participants will be bonded with MRT Corp for five years.