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Training for MRT Corp engineers in France

KUALA LUMPUR: Four young Malaysian female engineers will undergo a two-month training at Valence, France, as part of the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) Sdn Bhd's Klang Valley Offset Programme. Shafawati Abdul Rahim, 32; Izzatiattiyah Badri Sham, 26; Nur Adibah Abdul Wahab, 24; and Nurfarhana Nasrudin, 25; will be trained to use the Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) system for the MRT project.

Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) Solutions France SAS, the work package contractor who supplies the AFC system, will provide classroom learning, hands-on training, and site visits. Shafawati said she was looking forward to the experience.

"The technology is something that everyone will be able to benefit from.

"The AFC system is the key to ensure the public will have smooth interconnectivity when travelling on the new Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT line," she said.

Currently, there are two groups of trainees and most of them were sent to Erlangen, Germany; and Vienna, Austria, for a three-month training.

The KVMRT Offset Programme has 32 projects. From the programme, six contractors had signed agreements with MRT Corp in November last year.

The programme was designed as an economic compensation package for foreign contractors who had agreed to "give back value" to Malaysia. The aim is to ensure that Malaysia will be able to build its own internal capacity with the contractors, and they in turn, will secure high-value contracts from the government.