

MEDIA RELEASE**CAPACITY BUILDING AN ELEMENT OF
THE KVMRT OFFSET PROGRAMME**

Kuala Lumpur, 17 June 2014: Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) and Meidensha-Meiden Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Meidensha) kick-started training today for trainees of multiple backgrounds, who are part of the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit Offset Programme (KVMRT Offset Programme).

The three-day training is conducted by Meidensha, who is the work package contractor (WPC) for Power Supply and Distribution System for the MRT. Scope of training includes general railway power technology and catenary systems. Trainees will also be brought to visit Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTMB) and RapidKL, to receive first-hand exposure and knowledge in railway power supply.

The beneficiaries of this programme are not only those who are directly linked with Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp), but also other parties. For this training with Meidensha, trainees include those from local industry players in the power supply system sector, local universities, local railway operators and railway asset owners.

"We are glad that under the programme, not only those working for the MRT Project will reap the benefits, but also other parties who are relevant to the field," said Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive Officer of MRT Corp.

"This is definitely an ingredient to capacity building, which will contribute to the nation's economic growth, especially in the railway industry," he added.

The KVMRT Offset Programme is part of Malaysia's continuous commitment to develop the country's rail industry via addressing the critical need of more local railway engineers to support the growth of the industry.

Under the programme, WPCs are to provide an added benefit apart from providing the necessary services or machinery for the MRT Project. The programme, also defined as an economic compensation package, is aimed at addressing seven areas of interests namely design and development; human capital development; global market access; local work packages; investment; parts and component manufacturing; and transfer of technology.



Thirty MRT Corp staff was recruited for a structured training programme with Siemens in various disciplines of rail systems and technology last year. Under this project, twelve trainees had undergone training in Vienna, Austria and six trainees were brought to Erlangen, Germany.

Affiliated Computer Services Solutions France SAS had also sent trainees to France for exposure on automated fare collection early this year.

Currently, there are four trainees in Bangkok, Thailand undergoing training provided by Bombardier Transportation Signal (Thailand) Ltd.

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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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