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MRT CORP CELEBRATES HARI RAYA WITH THE CHILDREN OF TOMORROW

Kuala Lumpur, 16 August 2014: As progress of the project moves along well, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) took the opportunity during its Hari Raya Aidilfitri Open House to extend the festive cheer to the younger generation.

MRT Corp invited two orphanages and a school, all located along the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Alignment, to be part of the celebration. The homes are Yayasan Wardatul Jannah in Kota Damansara and Rumah Bakti Nur Syaheera in Cheras.

Yayasan Wardatul Jannah currently accommodates 10 boys, from the ages of 12 to 17 while Rumah Bakti Nur Syaheera houses 30 children, consisting of orphans and the less privileged. Both homes rely on kind contribution from public donors to fund their daily operations.

MRT Corp presented a RM2,000 cheque to each of the homes, handed over by Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid to the homes' representatives. Apart from the cheques, 'duit raya' was also distributed to the children.

The Aidilfitri atmosphere was given added colour with choir and dance performances from pupils of Sekolah Kebangsaan Convent Kajang. The extended invitation to school children is part of MRT Corp's initiative to engage with communities along the MRT alignment, especially with the younger generation who are the future commuters.

In memory of the victims we lost from the tragedies of MH370 and MH17, a dedicated wall was set up for guests to display their messages of condolence and words of encouragement, which were written down on special cards provided.

Meanwhile, Azhar also met with the media to provide an update on the project's progress.

"We have reached midway in our project progress. I am happy to note that 49.6% of the works have been completed thus far," Azhar said.



"Not only that, tunnelling is going smooth, including in the Bukit Bintang area, where it can get very challenging. As we are on schedule, we expect tunnelling works to complete by March 2015," he added.

The open house was held at Matrade Exhibition and Convention Centre.

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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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