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MRT to be operational by July 2017

> Sungai Buloh-Kajang line 55% complete

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KUALA LUMPUR: Some 55% of the construction work for the 51km MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, comprising 31 stations, has been completed and the developer is confident that the project will be ready as scheduled by July 2017.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar, who said this yesterday, added that phase one of the service, which runs from Sungai Buloh to Jalan Semantan and pass through seven underground stations, will begin in December next year as planned.

Shahril was speaking to reporters yesterday after a site visit to the Cochrane and TRX underground MRT stations, which are part of the seven underground stations.

"For the whole phase (one and two) which ends in Kajang,

comprising 31 stations, the service will start in July 2017," he said.

On the progress of the Sungai Buloh to Jalan Semantan route, he said the construction has now moved towards the system works.

"This includes the laying of railway tracks for the line, the purchasing and commissioning of trains, installation of the power supply for the trains and signaling communication," he added.

The Sungai Buloh-Kajang line is the first MRT line to be built.

Shahril also said the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line, which will be the second MRT line to be built, received conditional approval from the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) last December.

"The public display for the proposed alignment is scheduled for the second quarter of this year, and the final alignment is targeted for approval in August," he said.

Shahril, who took over as the MRT Corp CEO on Jan 5, is confident that both Line One and Line Two (which forms the Klang Valley MRT) will be completed within budget and on time.

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Shahril (in red) and MRT Corp director of projects Marcus L. Karakashian at the TRX station yesterday. (Inset) Checking on progress at an underground tunnel.