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KOMPLEKS KRAF TRADERS RELOCATED TO DATARAN MERDEKA

Kuala Lumpur, 7 March 2016: Traders at the Kompleks Kraf in Jalan Conlay who are affected by the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line will be relocated to a new complex at Dataran Merdeka Underground.

The new venue is currently being renovated by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) to ensure that it will be suitable to house the traders.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations Dato' Najmuddin Abdullah said the cost of relocation and renovations are being borne by MRT Corp.

"We believe the new venue will be extremely suitable for the traders as it is located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur's tourist zone," he said following reports in the media on the closure of Kompleks Kraf due to the MRT Project.

The current location of Kompleks Kraf at Jalan Conlay, which is on Government-owned land, will be utilised for a future underground MRT station under the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line. Currently, the station is temporarily referred to as S18 Conlay.

In view of this, traders currently operating at the Craft Village and Artist Colony inside Kompleks Kraf will be relocated to Dataran Merdeka Underground.

The new venue for the traders was selected in consultation with Perbadanan Kemajuan Kraftangan Malaysia (PKKM), the operator of Kompleks Kraf, and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MOTAC).

"I believe it is obvious why this location was chosen. The thousands of tourists who visit Dataran Merdeka, Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad and the other attractions in this area will now have an additional attraction to go to. I think this will benefit the traders very much," he said.

Najmuddin said MRT Corp had been in discussions with PKKM and MOTAC over this matter since the end of 2014.

"During the discussions with PKKM, it was decided that PKKM was the best party to inform the traders of the relocation exercise as it was the manager of the complex.



“MRT Corp believes that PKKM has been engaging the traders in the complex,” he said.

According to the MRT SSP Line construction programme, relocation of the traders to the new premises will begin in November.

Najmuddin said MRT Corp, PKKM and MOTAC were currently finalising the details of the relocation, including the cost incurred in this exercise.

“Hopefully the discussion will be concluded soon and the traders will be able to get the details on how the relocation exercise will be carried out,” he said.

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