

# RM10b MRT Line 2 contracts to be awarded within six months

**KUALA LUMPUR** — Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) expects to award the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang Putrajaya (SSP) Line contracts worth RM10 billion within six months, said chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar.

Of the contracts, two civil works packages and two system packages cumulatively valued at between RM2.5 billion and RM3 billion will be announced in two weeks' time, he said.

"Package 210 under the SSP Line, involving works for a 2.6 km stretch from Putrajaya to Cyberjaya city centre, will be awarded within one to two weeks.

"So, with the addition of Package 203 and Package 210, we have awarded four contracts out of 10 packages," he said.

Shahril was speaking to reporters after signing a memorandum of understanding on the MRT Young Entrepreneurs Programme (MYEP) with Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Bhd (PUNB) and Construction Industry Development Board

(CIDB) here today.

The programme will see 60 young graduates selected by PUNB undergo stringent training for a year with CIDB.

Shahril said participants will undergo six months training with CIDB and then six months' on-job training with PUNB and MRT Corp.

"Once the training is completed, the participants will either individually or in partnership with each other form companies to which they can vie for contracts under the construction of MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya line," Shahril said.

Shahril said the the second installation of the programme was extended from six months to 12 months, with RM1.1 million allocated by PUNB for the programme.

"For the first batch in 2013, we awarded contracts worth not less than RM6 million and for this batch, there will be a minimum of contracts worth RM25 million which will be awarded upon their completion."

PUNB chief executive officer Datuk

Dzulkifli Fadzilah said the intake of the second batch will commence in August, where PUNB is targeting to develop apprentices who will have to meet the entry requirements of being a bumiputera under the age of 30, a holder of a diploma, degree or a level 2 Malaysian Skilled Certification (SKM) from a recognised institution of higher learning and are willing to undergo training for a year.

"The total number of projects offered in 2013 was 25 worth RM10.33 million and 11 apprentices received RM2.08 million financing from PUNB," he said.

Meanwhile, Shahril said MRT plans to give out all of the main contracts under the SSP or MRT Line 2 project within six months.

To date, almost RM18 billion worth of contracts have been awarded under MRT Line 2, he said, adding that the estimated construction cost for Line 2, at RM32 billion, is higher than Line 1 which cost RM23 billion.

**MRT construction  
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