



A worker checks on the progress of the MRT Line 1 construction in October, 2013.

MRT Corp: No compromise on safety despite datelines

KUALA LUMPUR — The construction of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) second line project from Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya, which will commence at the end of this month, will not compromise on safety despite the need to meet datelines.

MRT Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) project director (standard and compliance) Syed Mahdhar Syed Hussain said the company has introduced five major initiatives related to safety, health and

environment (SHE) which aim to reduce the number of accidents at the MRT worksites.

The five initiatives include construction design management, specifications and contractual obligations, SHE performance scheme, safety passport scheme and master training programme, he told a media briefing here yesterday.

He said the action was taken following 11 fatal accidents recorded since the MRT

first line project was launched in 2011.

One of the worst MRT Line 1 incidents occurred in August 2014 when three Bangladeshi workers were killed following the collapse of a concrete span near Kota Damansara.

Syed Mahdhar said the most challenging task in implementing this project is to educate and train foreign construction workers on the importance of safety, health and work environment.

“It’s a challenge for us to train foreign construction workers from 12 countries who do not have any construction background. They came to Malaysia to earn money and do not have any concern for safety, health and work environment issues.

“We hope with the training, our contractors will adopt a different attitude and always put safety first,” he said.
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