

No members of the public in MRT trial runs

KUALA LUMPUR: The three-month trial runs of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) starting Oct 1 would not involve the members of the public, says Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp).

Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar, said: "These trial runs will not involve members of the public as we have to be absolutely sure that everything works fine before we open the line to them."

In a statement issued by the company in conjunction with its Hari Raya open house here yesterday, Shahril was also quoted as saying the progress for both the Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line and the Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line has been good.

"We now have only a few months to Phase One of the SBK Line between the Sungai Buloh station and Semantan becoming operational by year-end.

"Progress for the line is now at 86 per cent," he said.

He said the mechanical and electrical system works were now undergoing testing while trial runs for the trains would begin in October.

Meanwhile, construction work for the phase two of SBK Line, which covered the underground and southern elevated sections, was proceeding well and would be ready for operations in July 2017.

For the SSP Line, Shahril said, the process of awarding tenders to work package contractors was proceeding according to schedule.

"To date, we have awarded a total of 21 work packages.

"Work has already begun in several locations involving land clearing and utilities piloting," he said.

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