

MRT lines to complete year-end



MRT Corp is conducting mechanical and electrical testing for both MRT lines.
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KUALA LUMPUR — Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is confident that both the Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) and Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) lines will be ready by the end of the year.

Chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said currently, both mechanical and electrical systems are undergoing testing while trial runs for the trains will begin in October.

“We now have only a few months until phase one of the SBK Line between the Sungai Buloh Station and Semantan Station becomes operational by the end of the year. Progress for the line is now at 86%.

“These tests and 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,” he said.

He said phase two construction works for the SBK line, which covers the underground and southern elevated sections, are proceeding well and would be ready for operations in July next year.

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 activities such as land clearing and utilities piloting,” he said.

MRT Corp celebrated Hari Raya Aidilfitri yesterday with its business partners, stakeholders and staff during the company’s Hari Raya Open House at Sime Darby Convention Centre.

Among those present were members of the MRT Corp Board of Directors, representatives from government agencies and the senior management of MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd and MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd, the project delivery partners of the two MRT lines.

Also present were representatives of the MRT line work package contractors and

members of the media.

Shahril said the annual MRT Corp open house served as a good place for MRT Corp to meet with, and get close to, its business partners and others involved in Klang Valley MRT Project in a less formal atmosphere.

“We treasure this relationship with our partners because this enables us to work together closely and smoothly towards our common goal of delivering the MRT Project to the rakyat,” he said.

Shahril said the progress for both the SBK and the SSP lines has been very good.

MRT Corp also took the opportunity to involve those who were less unfortunate by inviting the children from Yayasan Chow Kit to be part of the celebration.

Yayasan Chow Kit aims to give street children an opportunity to escape the harsh realities of street life, and MRT Corp presented RM5,000 to the home as a contribution towards the home’s efforts to acquire a van.