

# MRT CEO job extension ensures continuity

**KUALA LUMPUR** — The Malaysian government has extended Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) chief executive officer (CEO) Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar's contract with the company for another two years in order to ensure leadership continuity in the group.

The contract extension means that Shahril will be CEO until Dec 31, 2018, MRT Corp said in a statement yesterday.

The government, via Ministry of Finance Inc, owns 100% of MRT Corp, which is the developer and owner of the Klang Valley MRT project.

Shahril took over the helm of MRT Corp on Jan 1, 2015. Before taking up the position, he was group managing director of Prasarana Malaysia Bhd.

MRT Corp chairman Tan Sri Ali Hamsa said the government recognised Shahril's leadership at a crucial time for the company.

According to Ali, Shahril has been an asset during the critical period when the first MRT Line, the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line (SBK Line), was about to become operational.

"The government has decided that Shahril's continued leadership of MRT Corp was needed to see both phases of the SBK Line become operational, in December this year and July next year," said Ali, who is also chief secretary to the government.

Ali said construction of the Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line (SSP Line) would also benefit from Shahril's leadership.

Shahril's experience was crucial to



**Ali says Shahril's experience was crucial to oversee the challenges of the SSP Line construction. — Picture by MRT Corp**

oversee the challenges in the initial stages of the SSP Line construction, he said.

The SSP Line ground-breaking was expected to take place end of this month.

MRT Corp was set up in September 2011, and took over the ownership of the Klang Valley MRT project in October

2011 from Prasarana Malaysia Bhd.

MRT Corp's responsibilities include monitoring and tracking of construction of all elevated structures, stations and depots of the MRT project. It also monitors underground works, which involves tunneling and construction of underground stations.