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PRIME MINISTER OFFICIATES MRT SUNGAI BULOH-SERDANG-PUTRAJAYA LINE GROUND BREAKING

Kuala Lumpur, 15 September 2016: Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak today officiated the ground breaking ceremony for the MRT Sungai Buloh–Serdang–Putrajaya (SSP) Line.

The ceremony marks the start of construction of the second MRT line in the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) Project and was held at an MRT worksite near Putrajaya Sentral at the southern end of the 52.2km line.

The SSP Line has 37 stations, of which 11 are underground stations. The line will run from Sungai Buloh to Putrajaya through Kepong, Batu, Jalan Ipoh, Titiwangsa, KLCC, Tun Razak Exchange, Bandar Malaysia, Sungai Besi, Serdang, UPM and Cyberjaya.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is the Project Owner and Developer of the SSP Line while MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd is the Project Delivery Partner.

Present at the event today were Minister of Transport Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai; Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Dato' Haji Abdul Rahman Dahlan; Minister of the Federal Territories YBM Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor Tengku and Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Syed Hamid Albar.

Receiving the guests were MRT Corp Chairman Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa who is also the Chief Secretary to the Government, MRT Board Member Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah who is also the Secretary General of Treasury of Ministry of Finance and MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Shahril Mokhtar.

In his speech during the event, the Prime Minister said it was an achievement that the Government is able to develop the second MRT Line five years after launching the first line, the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line, adding that the event today



underscored his administration's focus on developing good public transport infrastructure for the rakyat.

"We had earlier not focused enough on the development of public transport. This lack of focus has unfortunately led to us suffering some of the consequences today, with traffic congestion not only in the Klang Valley but in many cities and even highways outside this area," he said.

He said the recent frequent launches of public transport projects have shown that the Government was taking decisive actions to catch up on what was not done or not focused on previously.

"Rest assured that as Prime Minister, I will continue to give my full attention to developing a modern, efficient, reliable and safe public transport system for the rakyat, in the Klang Valley as well as outside," he said.

The Prime Minister also congratulated all parties involved in the development of the SBK Line for being able to deliver the project on time and within the target cost.

He urged all parties who were involved in the SBK Line who were now going to be part of the construction of the SSP Line, especially the contractors, to do better in the new line, not only in terms of efficiency and productivity but also in safety and welfare of their workers.

To carry out the ground breaking, the Prime Minister had put a safety vest and helmet on a bored piling machine operator, who then proceeded to get the machine ready.

The Prime Minister then pulled a lever on a console, which then gave the go-ahead siren to the machine operator to start boring works, symbolizing the ground breaking for the SSP Line.

The Prime Minister together with the Ministers then inspected and took pictures with the bored piling machine which had just performed the ground breaking.

Phase One of MRT SSP Line from Sungai Buloh to Kampung Batu is expected to be operational by the second quarter of 2021, while the line is expected to be fully operational by the second quarter of 2022.

Once operational, the MRT SSP Line is expected to have a daily ridership of 529,000 passengers.

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