

Commuters look forward to stress-free travel

PETALING JAYA — Residents in Damansara and Sungai Buloh are waiting for phase one of the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line One to commence on Friday.

The 23km line runs from Sungai Buloh to the suburbs of Damansara Heights.

SEGi University student Devini Dharmasena, 22, said she has seen the development of the Kota Damansara MRT station and could not wait to board the train.

“Roads in Kota Damansara are congested, especially in the evenings. It is good to have efficient public transportation here,” said Devini, who lives near the university in Kota Damansara.

“We depend on taxis to get to places and the fares can be expensive. With the new MRT and feeder bus services, it will create affordable travel.”

Another student from the same university, Hashwinder Kaur, who lives near Paradigm Mall in Kelana Jaya, said she could now attend classes without worrying about the traffic.

“I live in Kelana Jaya and I take a bus to college. I usually wait about one-and-a-half hours for the bus,” she said.

“With the MRT line, I believe I can save time and I don’t need to wake up early to be on time for classes.”

Tropicana Medical Centre staff member Nur Shahrila Saad, 21, said the MRT line would make it easier for her to travel to the city centre.

“I stay in a rented house in Damansara and I have to transit in Ampang to travel to the city,” she said.

“With the MRT, it will make life easier.”

Tropicana Medical Centre information technology executive, Nurzul Hairizat, 26, however, said he could not rely on the MRT services due to his working hours.

“I live in Cheras and I cannot rely on the MRT services because I need to go through several transits before I can reach my work place,” he said.

“But I will consider using the MRT



An aerial view of the Kota Damansara MRT station. — Picture courtesy by MRT Corporation.

services if I’m heading towards Kuala Lumpur, since parking is limited and expensive there.”

A resident from Sungai Buloh, Aldini Rodin Hew, 40, said she would rather board an MRT train rather than spend 45 minutes driving to work.

“My job starts at 9am and I leave home latest by 7.30am. In a month, I spend about RM300 for my petrol and toll,” said the human resource officer.

“The MRT line will definitely benefit me as the station is just a kilometre away from my office and I don’t need to go through the traffic crawl in the morning. The closest station to my home is the Sungai Buloh MRT Station.”

Apart from benefiting residents and businesses, places of interest would also benefit from the service.

Chocolate Museum head chef Nizaz Ramli said visitors to the museum in

Jalan Teknologi Kota Damansara are usually from schools and agencies.

“It is normally packed here with an average of 100 visitors consisting of schoolchildren and employees from various agencies. With the new MRT line, we anticipate more visitors to the chocolate museum,” he said.

Nizaz said it would also benefit his staff and those working nearby who rely on public transportation.



All systems go at Sungai Buloh MRT station.



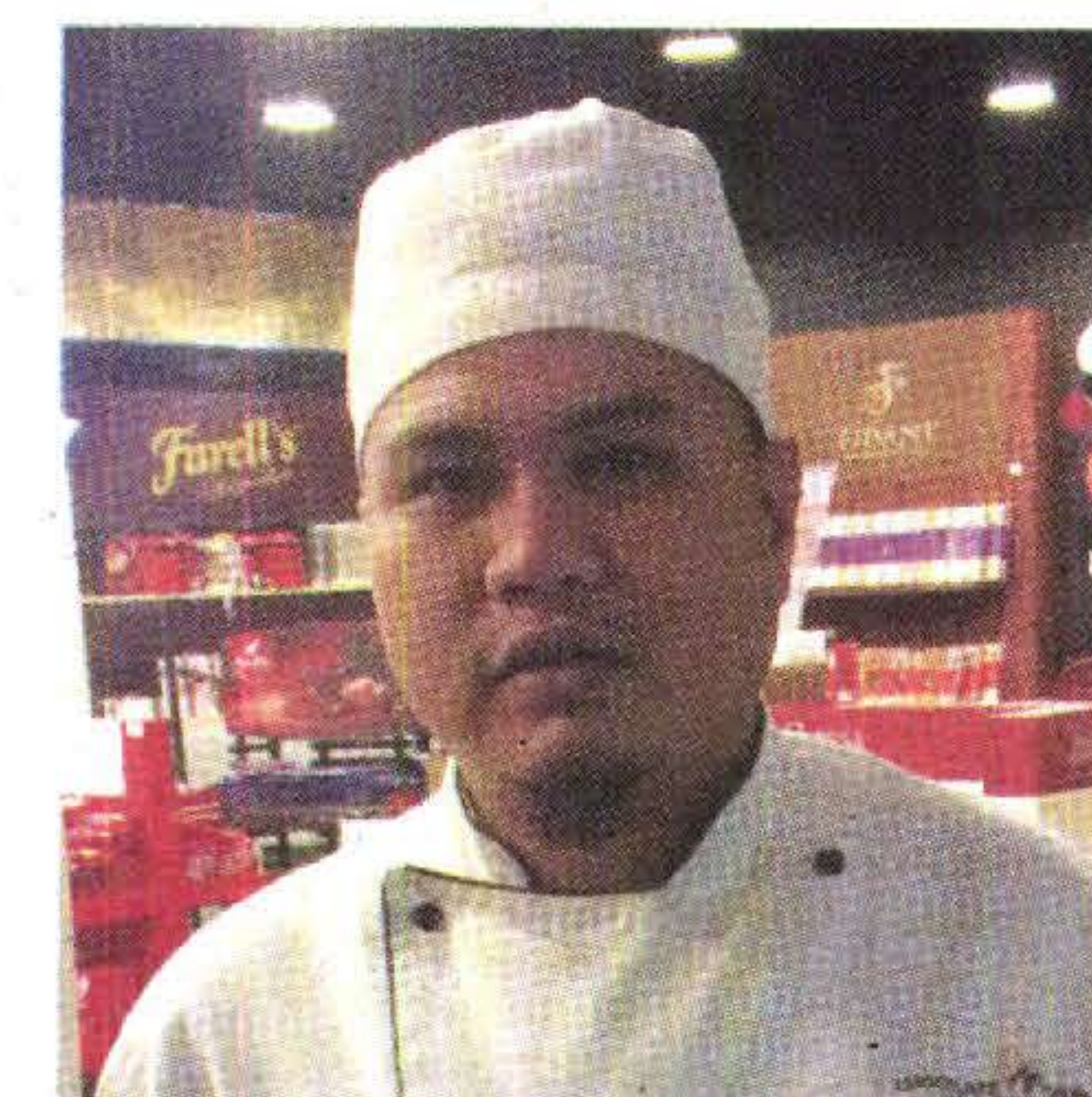
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