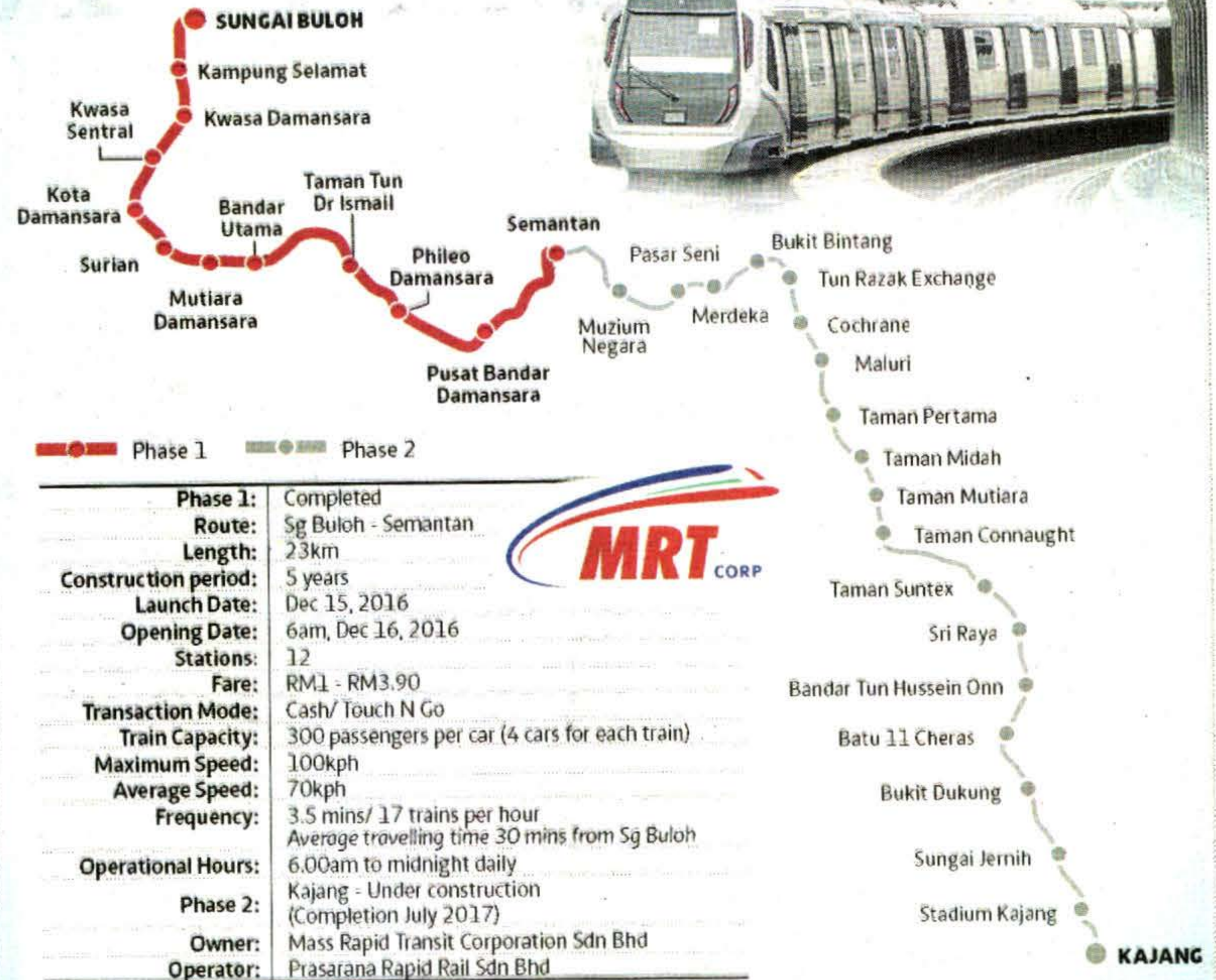


Mass Rapid Transit Sungai Buloh-Kajang



Commuters excited about convenient travel via MRT

KUALA LUMPUR: The wait for the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line (MRT SBK) will soon be over for commuters.

Commuters are excited as the first phase of the MRT line, which covers 12 stations between Sungai Buloh and Semantan, will become fully operational tomorrow.

Tan Jee Yee, 29, said he was excited about the project as the Kajang station was near his house.

"It will be convenient. I am all for

better and wider public transport coverage after having been to cities that offer efficient transport. While it will not discourage me from driving, I believe the MRT will make me use public transport more."

Tan said he was concerned about how well the MRT would be operated and the cost.

"It is not that I am averse to taking public transport, but the light rail transit and KTM have issues with efficiency. If the MRT can have the frequency and train length like the

ones in Taipei, Taiwan, and Singapore, that would be great."

Azzeraf Azmin, 31, said due to her work, she travelled a lot and needed to drive. She said she was looking forward to the opening of the MRT line, hoping it would ease traffic congestion, especially in Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI).

"I avoid TTDI and take the Penchala Link, where I have to pay toll. Now, on my days off, I can go into the city using the MRT as I do not have to drive."

Qishin Tariq, 28, said he had a countdown for the MRT SBK Line launch.

"There are stops in Cheras close to my house, and Phileo Damansara station is about 500m from my office. My concern is the parking facilities at the MRT stations and traffic at the car park, since I would have to drive there to take the MRT."

Sherryana Jamil, 28, said she was excited about the new line and would use it frequently.

"Hopefully, the MRT will result in

fewer cars in the Klang Valley."

The second phase of the MRT project covers 19 stations between Semantan and Kajang, which is scheduled to be completed in July next year.

It was reported that the fares for the MRT SBK Line would range from RM1 for a single stop, based on the cashless fare structure, to RM6.40.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will launch the first phase of the MRT SBK Line today at Kwasa Damansara MRT station.