

PM to launch second phase of MRT project on July 17

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will launch the second phase of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line between Semantan and Kajang on July 17.

He said the 51km MRT SBK Line would be completed with the launch of the second phase.

“Through both phases of the MRT SBK Line, the government expects this service to benefit more than 500,000 commuters daily,” Najib said at the launch of the Third National Physical Plan, Second National Urbanisation Policy and National Rural Physical Planning Policy here yesterday.

The first phase of the MRT SBK Line, with 12 stations from Sungai Buloh to Semantan, has been operational since Dec 16.

The second phase, from Semantan to Kajang, stretching 30km with 19 stations, will connect highly-populated areas such as Cheras and Kajang, as well as popular tourist destinations.

Each train has four cars, allowing a total passenger capacity of 1,200 with a frequency of 3.5 minutes between each train.

Najib said the MRT SBK Line project was a testament to the government’s commitment to create a robust and efficient public transport system.

“When I took over the country’s leadership in 2009, this government immediately focused on developing infrastructure such as public transport as part of the nation’s main agenda.

“With a good public transport system, we can stimulate productivity and economic growth.”

He said other projects implemented by the government to boost the public transport system in the Klang Valley included the extension of the Kelana Jaya and Ampang lines of the light rail transit, the High-Speed Rail project and the East Coast Rail Line.

The RM23 billion MRT SBK Line is part of the Economic Transformation Programme projects initiated by Najib.