

# Integrated system for all public transport by 2019

BY **AMAR SHAH MOHSEN**

[newsdesk@thesundaily.com](mailto:newsdesk@thesundaily.com)

**KUALA LUMPUR:** An integrated ticketing system for all modes of public transport will be ready by 2019, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri said.

The minister, whose purview includes the Land Public Transport Commission, said it is an ongoing process, with the Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) among the services to have already adopted the system, which would utilise the Touch 'n Go platform.

"The complication now is we must make sure all transport providers are ready (for the system). At the moment, not all are.

"We would love to apply the system as early as possible. But we target it to be fully completed by 2019," she told a press conference after attending the second Meeting of the International Association of Public Transport Asia-Pacific Organising Authority Platform yesterday.

Under the system, passengers would no longer need to use different payment methods for different public transport services, including buses.

It was also understood that the cost to install such a system is quite high with the need for a GPS and other technologies to be

fixed into the vehicles, especially buses, in order to determine the fare based on the distance travelled.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai had, on July 18, said the government is pushing for a single ticketing system for all rail services by year end, noting that the KTM Komuter is currently using a different system.

Nancy has given her thumbs up to an offer made by Maju Holdings to take over PLUS Malaysia Bhd as the highway operator that would see toll rates remain the same for the next 20 years.

It was reported last week that the company was willing to maintain the rates until the existing concession ends in 2038, saying it was comfortable with the current toll rate.

Meanwhile, the Road Transport Department (RTD) will be rebranded so that it will not be seen as a department that inconveniences the public, said its new director-general Datuk Shaharuddin Khalid.

Speaking to reporters on his first day at the RTD office in Putrajaya yesterday, Shaharuddin said he would review the department's system and procedures to see if they inconvenienced the people.

He said his vision was to improve RTD's performance but this did not mean that the department was problematic.