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CEO: MRT works progressing well

SG BULOH-KAJANG

LINE: Project 58pc complete, to enter second phase

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THE progress of the construction of the 51km mass rapid transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line was at 58.5 per cent as of end of last year and the momentum will be maintained as the project moves into the “system works” phase.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd’s new chief executive officer (CEO), Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar, said he would ensure that

the momentum continued to meet the schedule and budget.

Shahril, who took over as CEO on Jan 5 said this during a meet-the-media session at the Cochrane and Tun Razak Exchange stations here yesterday.

He said the progress of underground works, which included the construction of seven underground stations and tunnels for the 9.5km underground section of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line was at 73.13 per cent, while the elevated section was 49.2 per cent complete.

“The next phase of the ‘system works’ includes the laying of railway tracks for the line, the purchasing and commissioning of trains, installation of the power supply for the trains, signalling, communications and others.

“The Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, which comprises 31 stations, will serve 1.2 million people. It is expected to be operational by July 2017. The elevated section from Sungai Buloh to Semantan is expected to be operational by December next year.”

Earlier, Shahril said the Tun Razak Exchange Station, with a length of 250m, width of 41m and a depth of 45m, was the deepest among the line’s seven underground stations.

“This station has been designed to be the interchange station for the future MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line, which is the second MRT line to be built.”

He said the proposed alignment for the second line was expected to be on public display in the second quarter of this year. **Bernama**