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MRT CORP UNVEILS WINNING DESIGN FOR THE JOHOR BAHRU-SINGAPORE RTS LINK STATION

Design is the grand prize winner of competition

Kuala Lumpur, 19 February 2021: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) today unveiled the design for the Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link (RTS Link) Project's Bukit Chagar station.

The modern and futuristic design, dubbed "The Integration of Two", was inspired by the historical and intertwined relationship between Johor Bahru and Singapore which had existed for centuries and will now be further enhanced with the RTS Link between Johor Bahru and Singapore.

The design was the Grand Prize winner of the PAM+MRT Corp RTS Link Station Façade Design Ideas Competition, organized jointly by MRT Corp and Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), which ran from 23 November 2020 till 25 January 2021.

Johor Bahru-based architect Ar. Chin Yee Chong from SM Architects Sdn Bhd submitted the winning design which allowed him to take home RM 250,000.00 in prize money.

The competition was the brainchild of Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Sultan of Johor. His Majesty was the Patron of the competition and Chairman of the Jury Panel.

Congratulating Ar Chin and his team, MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim said: "This futuristic design manages to capture the relationship between Johor Bahru and Singapore and the station will not only become an iconic landmark in Johor Bahru but also amongst the great railways stations of the world.

"This design was picked by Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku, together with the competition's Jury Panel at the Final Judging Meeting because of the strong symbolism that the design portrayed," he said.



Yang Amat Mulia Tunku Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, Tunku Mahkota Johor, and YAB Datuk Haji Hasni Bin Mohammad, Menteri Besar of Johor were also present at the Final Judging Meeting.

Mohd Zarif said the design also adopted many green features as well as advanced light-weight composite materials.

He said SM Architect's win was also very meaningful as it was a Johor Bahru-based firm. On top of that, Ar Chin's team also included architects who were graduates from Malaysian universities.

The winning design unveiling was made during a media conference which was held virtually due to the Movement Control Order. Also present during the media conference were PAM President Datuk Ar Ezumi Harzani Ismail and RTS Link Project Director Ir Zulkifli Mohamed.

Meanwhile, Ezumi said the competition provided Malaysian architects a great opportunity to showcase their talents and capabilities in designing for challenging and complex buildings.

"The competition provided the opportunity for Malaysian architects to participate in key projects of national importance such as the RTS Link. It also demonstrates the vital importance architectural imagination plays in the transformation of building and cities," he added.

A total of 91 submissions were received when the competition was closed on 25 January 2021. A total of 10 designs were then shortlisted for the final judging which took place on 8 February 2021.

During today's media conference, Mohd Zarif also provided updates of the RTS Link Project.

He said currently the three-month Public Inspection for the project, a requirement under Section 84 of the Land Public Transport Act 2010, was being carried out virtually.

"We have received overwhelming support from the public for the project. We will also analyse all feedback and opinions that members of the public give provided us during the Public Inspection for further improvement," he said, adding that the Public Inspection will end on 15 April 2021.

Mohd Zarif also said that under the project's Bumiputera Participation Programme, over 500 Bumiputera contractors have registered to participate in the project. This programme is being implemented in collaboration with the Johor Centre for Construction Development (JCCD).



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MRT Corp subsidiary Malaysia Rapid Transit System Sdn Bhd is the Malaysian infrastructure company (InfraCo) of the RTS Link Project. It will develop the civil infrastructure such as the Bukit Chagar station, viaducts and depot on the Malaysian side of the Project.

The RTS Link is a railway shuttle service which will link the Bukit Chagar Station in Johor Bahru and Woodlands North Station in Woodlands, Singapore. The line is scheduled to open by the end of 2026.

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WINNERS OF THE PAM+MRT CORP RTS LINK STATION FAÇADE DESIGN IDEAS COMPETITION

Placement	Entry Number/ Design Name	Name	Company	Prize
First	Entry 039: The Integration of the Two	Ar Chin Yee Choong	SM Architects Sdn Bhd	RM 250,000
Second	Entry 069: The X- Change	Ar Lee Cherng Yih	Formzero Cyel Architecture	RM 65,000
Third	Entry 057: Parasol of Johor	Ar Teh Eng Keat	CHY Architects Sdn Bhd	RM 35,000
Honorary Mention	Entry 022: Dance of Johor	Ar Ahmad Syazli bin Mat Hussin	Ong&Ong 360 Consultancy Sdn Bhd	RM 10,000
Honorary Mention	Entry 099: Anjung	Ar Tang Chee Eun	Eun Architect, in collaboration with Spacefighters Sdn Bhd & SW1P Collective Sdn Bhd	RM 10,000
Honorary Mention	Entry 119: DNA Darul Ta'zim	Ar Muhammad Ali bin Jamaludin	Akitek Jururancang (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	RM 10,000