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MRT CORP-DBKL SIGN MOU TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT KUALA LUMPUR STRUCTURE PLAN 2040 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Long-standing partnership aims to develop Kuala Lumpur as a 'City for All'

Kuala Lumpur, 5 April 2022: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) today in a simple ceremony at Menara DBKL, Kuala Lumpur, signifying the commitment by both parties in ensuring the sustainability and prosperity of the city of Kuala Lumpur.

The MoU reaffirms the long-standing partnership between the MRT Corp and DBKL in developing Kuala Lumpur as a 'City for All' by providing efficient and environmentally-friendly mobility.

Present during the ceremony to sign the MoU was the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur Datuk Seri Hj. Mahadi Che Ngah on behalf of DBKL, while MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim signed on behalf of the company.

Witnessing the signing ceremony was Minister of Federal Territories YB Dato' Seri Dr. Shahidan Bin Kassim.

In his address during the ceremony, Shahidan commended the initiative between the two parties in their commitment towards making the city of Kuala Lumpur a sustainable and liveable city.

"The development of transit that provides rail network such as the MRT is critical to encourage the use of public transport. This will reduce reliance on private vehicles and promote carbon footprint reduction. This is in line with the long-term goal of making Kuala Lumpur a carbon neutral city," said Shahidan.

As the Kuala Lumpur city planner, DBKL has come up with the Draft Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2040 (Draft PSKL2040). The Draft PSKL2040 will oversee the strategic development of

the city of Kuala Lumpur for the next 20 years, to ensure the sustainability and prosperity of the city for all of its people.

Commenting on the collaboration, Mahadi said the MoU is a stepping stone to enhance the said collaboration of each other's comparative advantage in order to build a city that focus on the well-being of the city dwellers' quality of life balance with the city's equitability, sustainability and competitive economic sectors.

"The long-standing relationship between MRT Corp and DBKL has been vital in the planning of development for the city of Kuala Lumpur, as the nation's capital embraces transit-oriented development (TOD) to create an urban environment that maximises economic growth and social equity," said Mahadi.

Mohd Zarif meanwhile remarked that MRT Corp as the metro rail project developer will work in tandem with DBKL, especially collaborating in the development of affordable housing.

"It is without a doubt that transit planning and city planning must go hand-in-hand in order to optimize land use, and I am pleased that through this collaboration, MRT Corp is playing a strategic role in supporting DBKL towards achieving the "City for All" vision for Kuala Lumpur," said Zarif.

He added, the MoU between DBKL and MRT Corp will ensure both organisations are aligned, while maintaining a good long-term relationship as well as to ensure continuity during the planning and execution stages.

"The MoU will enable MRT Corp to play our role as the developer of urban rail infrastructure that will catalyse the sustainability of cities and the mobility of people," he said.

The upcoming MRT3 Circle Line will provide the much-needed interconnectivity between the existing rail and bus lines. Furthermore, MRT3 will improve the connectivity between major development centres and suburbs on the perimeter of the city Kuala Lumpur, enabling seamless end-to-end mobility.

As Klang Valley moves closer towards realizing a comprehensive public transport network, DBKL and MRT Corp are committed in achieving the significant shift in the usage of public transport in Kuala Lumpur as aspired in the Draft Kuala Lumpur Structural Plan 2040. Integration and seamless connectivity of the Greater Kuala Lumpur transit system is imperative in encouraging and enabling the Rakyat to change their travel behaviour for this shift.

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