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INSPECTION OF MRT PUTRAJAYA LINE BY YB MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Kuala Lumpur, 7 February 2023: As the final checks and inspection are in progress towards the completion of Phase Two of MRT Putrajaya Line Project, Transport Minister YB Loke Siew Fook visited the MRT Putrajaya Line today to inspect the operational readiness of the MRT Putrajaya Line.

The visit began at the Putrajaya Sentral MRT Station, the interchange station that links with the ERL KLIA Express and Transit Lines. YB Minister was received by MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer YBhg Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim.

Joining the minister in the inspection were the Deputy Minister of Transport YB Datuk Haji Hasbi Habibollah, Secretary General to the Ministry of Transport YBhg Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan, Chairman of Prasarana Malaysia Bhd YBhg Tan Sri Jamaludin Ibrahim and President & Group Chief Executive Officer of Prasarana Malaysia Berhad Encik Mohd Azharuddin Mat Sah, and Director General of Land Public Transport Agency (APAD) YBhg Datuk Azlan Shah Al Bakri.

Also present were members of the Ministry of Transport's Management Team, MRT Corp's Board of Directors and Leadership Team, Prasarana Malaysia Bhd Board of Directors and Senior Leadership Team, and representatives from MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd, the project turnkey contractor.

From Putrajaya Sentral MRT Station, YB Minister and the entourage took the MRT train where they journeyed the Putrajaya Line corridor that serves a catchment population of 2 million stretching from Putrajaya to Kwasa Damansara, a future township development in northwest Kuala Lumpur.

While at the station and onboard the train, YB Minister inspected the universal facilities and observed a simulation by Rapid Rail employees on how the facilities for the disabled can be used independently or with assistance by the station staff.

In their journey, the MRT train passed through the Cyberjaya City Centre MRT Station near Lim Kong Wing University, and later the UPM MRT Station where the alignment runs through a section of Universiti Putra Malaysia.



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Soon, students in these tertiary institutions would be among the many that would benefit from the alignment once it is fully operational.

While en route, the MRT train passed through two Bandar Malaysia stations, the Bandar Malaysia Utara and Bandar Malaysia Selatan MRT Stations - two of the seven provisional stations along Putrajaya Line. In designing metro rail network, incorporating stations that are built for future use is key for future transit-oriented development (TOD).

YB Minister and entourage then passed through the TRX MRT Station in the city centre, that will soon serve as an important interchange station with the first MRT line, the MRT Kajang Line. It is also the destination envisaged to become the financial district of Kuala Lumpur.

Once the Putrajaya Line is fully operational, it would take commuters an approximate 40 minutes from the terminus stations to the city centre. This would offer a solution to the growing traffic issues in Klang Valley, especially during peak hours.

Moving along the alignment, the MRT train brought the congregation through Ampang Park MRT Station which links with the Ampang Park LRT Station, one of the busiest stations and a major interchange in the Kelana Jaya MRT Line.

Via the Ampang Park MRT Station, commuters along Ampang and Seri Petaling LRT Lines who need to travel beyond the Central Business District areas could hop on the Putrajaya Line for a seamless transfer to their destination. This could help alleviate the current traffic between Bandaraya and Masjid Jamek LRT Stations.

As the train traversed up the alignment, YB Minister and entourage made a stop at the Titiwangsa MRT Station to inspect on the station facilities, and viewed the connecting interchange bridges that link the Titiwangsa MRT Station with the Ampang and Sri Petaling LRT Lines, and the KL Monorail.

Commenting on the amenities accessible to the public via the MRT, YB Minister said members of the public needing to access amenities such as hospitals and universities will soon be able to take the MRT to their destination without having to go through traffic or parking hassle.

YB Minister cited Hospital Kuala Lumpur as an example of an easily-accessible hospital via the HKL MRT Station.

From Titiwangsa MRT Station, the congregation passed through the Phase One section of the Putrajaya Line in their journey to Kwasa Damansara MRT Station, to inspect the continuity of the train operations from the second phase to the first.

The entourage alighted at Kwasa Damansara MRT Station and took the MRT Feeder Bus to inspect the route while making their way to the MRT Depot in Sungai Buloh. YB Minister viewed the Operation Control Centre at the Depot, which serves as the command centre for both Kajang and Putrajaya MRT Lines.

Speaking to the media at the Depot, YB Loke Siew Fook said the completion of MRT Putrajaya Line has been long awaited by many Malaysians residing in Klang Valley, as commuters look



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forward to no longer having to drive through peak hour traffic by taking the MRT in their daily commute.

“The entire Putrajaya Line is now ready at 99.9% as at end of January 2023, and is due to be completed in March. The Turnkey Contractor is carrying out the final tuning to the monitoring system this week.

Meanwhile, operational tests are currently being carried out by MRT Corp and Rapid Rail to ensure system stability when full operations commence. The exact opening date will be announced in due course,” said YB Minister.

He added, upon commencement of Putrajaya Line full operations, Phase Two will contribute to a growth in ridership for the Phase One section

The inspection of the entire MRT Putrajaya Line alignment was completed with YB Minister taking the train back to Putrajaya Sentral MRT Station from Kwasa Damansara MRT Station, experiencing the alignment in full.

The 17.5 km-long Putrajaya Line Phase One alignment which features 11 stations from Kwasa Damansara MRT Station to Kampung Batu MRT Station, has begun serving the public on 16 June 2022.

Upon commencement of Putrajaya Line full operations, there will be a total of 36 stations along the 57.7 km-long alignment. Passengers will be able to transfer to other existing rail lines at 10 different interchange stations, providing convenience and seamless transfer to their preferred destinations.

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