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RTS LINK CELEBRATES A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE WITH THE STRUCTURAL COMPLETION OF THE BUKIT CHAGAR ICQ COMPLEX

JOHOR BAHRU, 28 July 2025 – Malaysia Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) today marked a key construction milestone for the Johor Bahru–Singapore Rapid Transit System (RTS) Link, with the structural completion of the project’s Immigration, Customs and Quarantine Complex (ICQC) at Bukit Chagar.

The topping out ceremony by IJM Construction Sdn Bhd (IJM), the appointed contractor for the ICQC package marks the completion of the building’s main structural frame. This milestone signifies that the project has moved into the next stage which is the final design fit-out installations alongside the façade installation which will commence in September 2025.

The ICQC is a critical component of the RTS Link and will feature co-located clearance facilities for both Malaysian and Singaporean authorities, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia.

The topping out ceremony was officiated by Dato’ Noorizah Abd Hamid, Chairman of Malaysia Rapid Transit System Sdn Bhd, Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim, Chief Executive Officer of MRT Corp; Dato’ Lee Chun Fai, Group CEO and Managing Director of IJM Corporation Sdn Bhd; and Mr Wong Heng Wai, Chief Executive Officer of IJM Construction Sdn Bhd.

“Today’s event is not merely a structural milestone. It reflects the collective determination of all involved to deliver a nationally strategic infrastructure, and stands as a testament to the professionalism, coordination and technical excellence demonstrated by IJM Construction and all our consultants and contractors in bringing the ICQ Complex to where it is today”, said Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim, CEO of MRT Corp.

Track installation and structural works for key components of the RTS Link project, namely the Marine Viaduct, Bukit Chagar Station, and Wadi Hana Depot have reached completion with interior works at the depot on track to achieve full completion by December 2025. At the Bukit Chagar Station, installation of the station’s iconic roof façade is currently underway.

In June 2025, working in close coordination with Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), power supply to the Wadi Hana Depot was successfully energised two months ahead of schedule, allowing early preparations for systems testing to begin. As per the terms of the bilateral agreement, the next key milestone will be the dynamic testing of the RTS train system, scheduled for May 2026. This critical phase will see the train operating along the full alignment from Wadi Hana Depot through to stations - paving the way for operational validation and readiness.

“With these key components advancing steadily, we remain on course for operations to begin on 31 December 2026. MRT Corp is fully committed to delivering a safe, future-ready, and high-performing asset - a reflection of the trust placed in us by the Government, and made possible through the unwavering support of the Ministry of Transport, the Johor State Government, and all partner agencies who have worked tirelessly to keep this project on track and aligned with its national purpose,” concluded Datuk Zarif.

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