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New station gets public's thumbs up

MRT SBK LINE:

Facilities at Kwasa Damansara station disabled-friendly

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THOSE who came for a preview of the Kwasa Damansara station gave the thumbs up for the facility as it meets their expectations.

This was the response from those invited to the station, one of 12 under the first phase of the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit Sungai Buloh-Kajang (MRT SBK) Line.

Wheelchair-bound Anthony Arokia, 65, from Klang, said he was grateful that the facilities in the station were disabled-friendly.

"It is comforting to see that the management has taken us (the disabled) into consideration.

"The special parking bays and ramps are useful for us to move and get onto the trains comfortably."

Anthony also praised the feeder buses as they came with wheelchair seats.



QUOTABLE QUOTE

“What is wrong when we are friendly with China? It will be the world's biggest economy by 2040. China is part of Asia. Do you know why it likes us? One of the reasons is Tun Abdul Razak. In 1974, Tun Razak formed the first diplomatic ties in the region with China.”

Datuk Seri Najib Razak, when closing the Umno General Assembly on Dec 3, 2016



"The drivers were very courteous and helpful. They also ensured that I was buckled up as the seats came with safety belts," he said.

Anthony, who is vice-president of the Mobility Association of Selangor and Kuala Lumpur, said the service would reduce traffic congestion, and he hoped many would make use of it.

Another guest, who wanted to be known only as Tan, said the service would allow residents in Sungai Buloh to travel to the city centre easily.

"Sungai Buloh residents can now breathe a sigh of relief as they have this world-class facility that enables them to travel to the city centre.



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** sharing a light moment with passengers after **launching the first phase** of the Mass Rapid Transit Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line yesterday. Pic by Sairien Nafis

"The government has kept its promise.

"The completion of the MRT, which is earlier than expected, shows that they are keen to serve the

people and we are thankful for that."

Rafidah Ramli, 42, who brought her children along, said she wanted them to appreciate public transport.

"My children were excited to see the MRT trains. Whenever I drive them around, they would tell me that they can't wait to get on the trains and enjoy the ride.

"Now that they have grown together with the completion, I hope their generation will appreciate the facilities they have now, which were once a dream of our forefathers."

'1st phase done 2 weeks ahead of schedule'

KUALA LUMPUR: The first phase of the Mass Rapid Transit Sungai Buloh-Kajang (MRT SBK) Line is completed two weeks ahead of schedule, said MMC-Gamuda KVMRT Sdn Bhd project director Datuk Wong Wai Ching.

As the project delivery partner (PDP), he said, the company had fulfilled its promise to deliver the first phase of the project within the budget and time.

"This is a strong testament to our ability as the PDP for such a large-scale public transport infrastructure," he said here yesterday.

He said the company was the pioneer for the PDP model for the country's first MRT project in the Klang Valley.

MMC-Gamuda had also pioneered the PDP model for large-scale developments, under which the entire mega projects were managed by a single entity.

The first phase of the MRT SBK Line was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday.

Wong said MMC-Gamuda was also the appointed the PDP for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line.

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Datuk Wong Wai Ching
MMC-Gamuda KVMRT
Sdn Bhd project director

MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line

PHASE 1: (Completed)

Route: Sg Buloh - Semantan

Length: 21km

Stations: 12

Construction period: 5 years

Launch Date: Dec 15, 2016

Opening Date: 6am, Dec 16, 2016

Fare: RM1 - RM3.90

Transaction Mode: Cash / Touch 'n Go

Maximum Speed: 100kph

Average Speed: 70kph

Frequency: 3.5 mins/ 17 trains per hour

Average travelling time: 30 mins from Sg Buloh

Operational Hours: 6am to midnight daily

Train Capacity: 300 passengers per car
(4 cars for each train)



PHASE 2: KAJANG

Under construction
(Completion in July 2017)

Owner: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd

Operator: Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd