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MRT EXPECTS 30,000 USERS DAILY

Paid service starts; more set to use MRT when line is completed in July

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THE first phase of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) line, from Sungai Buloh to Semantan, expects between 27,000 and 30,000 commuters to use its service daily, after the paid service kicked in yesterday.

MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line chief operating officer Muhammad Isom Azis said the ridership figure was achievable as it had registered 1.2 million passengers during the one-month free-ride period from Dec 16 to Monday.

"MRT received between 27,000 and 30,000 commuters on average each day during the promotional period. We hope to maintain that figure," he said at the Sungai Buloh MRT station here yesterday.

He said the figure was considered encouraging since the line had yet to be fully integrated.

Isom urged commuters to use the cashless mode of payment for speed and convenience.

"For the cashless mode, passengers can buy Touch 'n Go cards, MRT monthly cards or MRT weekly cards.

"MyRapid cards will be available only after the MRT line to Kajang is ready, by the middle of the year."

He said using the cashless mode was cheaper compared with cash payment.

"The fare is as low as RM1.20 while the fare for the MRT feeder bus ser-

MRT FARES FOR THE SUNGAI BULOH-KAJANG LINE PHASE ONE (SUNGAI BULOH-SEMANTAN)

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Stations	Sungai Buloh (RM)	Kampung Selamat (RM)	Kwasa Damansara (RM)	Kwasa Sentral (RM)	Kota Damansara (RM)	Surian (RM)	Mutiara Damansara (RM)	Bandar Utama (RM)	Taman Tun Dr Ismail (RM)	Phileo Damansara (RM)	Pusat Bandar Damansara (RM)	Semantan (RM)
Sungai Buloh	0.80 0.80	1.20 1.20	2.00 1.80	2.20 2.00	3.00 2.60	3.10 2.70	3.50 3.10	3.80 3.30	3.70 3.20	4.00 3.50	3.80 3.30	3.90 3.40
Kampung Selamat	1.20 1.20	0.80 0.80	1.70 1.50	2.00 1.80	2.60 2.30	3.10 2.70	3.20 2.80	3.60 3.10	3.90 3.40	3.70 3.30	4.30 3.70	3.70 3.30
Kwasa Damansara	2.00 1.80	1.70 1.50	0.80 0.80	1.20 1.10	1.90 1.80	2.40 2.10	2.90 2.60	3.00 2.60	3.40 3.00	3.70 3.20	3.80 3.30	4.00 3.50
Kwasa Sentral	2.20 2.00	2.00 1.80	1.20 1.10	0.80 0.80	1.70 1.60	2.10 1.90	2.60 2.30	3.00 2.60	3.10 2.80	3.50 3.00	3.60 3.10	3.70 3.30
Kota Damansara	3.00 2.60	2.60 2.30	1.90 1.80	1.70 1.60	0.80 0.80	1.30 1.30	1.90 1.80	2.20 2.00	2.70 2.40	3.10 2.80	3.40 3.00	3.70 3.20
Surian	3.10 2.70	3.10 2.70	2.40 2.10	2.10 1.90	1.30 1.30	0.80 0.80	1.40 1.30	1.90 1.70	2.30 2.00	2.70 2.40	3.10 2.70	3.30 2.90
Mutiara Damansara	3.50 3.10	3.20 2.80	2.90 2.60	2.60 2.30	1.90 1.70	1.40 1.30	0.80 0.80	1.40 1.30	1.90 1.70	2.20 2.00	2.90 2.60	3.20 2.80
Bandar Utama	3.80 3.30	3.60 3.10	3.00 2.60	3.00 2.60	2.20 2.00	1.90 1.70	1.30 1.30	0.80 0.80	1.40 1.30	1.90 1.70	2.50 2.20	2.80 2.50
Taman Tun Dr Ismail	3.70 3.20	3.90 3.40	3.40 3.00	3.10 2.80	2.70 2.40	2.30 2.00	1.90 1.70	1.30 1.20	0.80 0.80	1.30 1.20	2.00 1.80	2.30 2.10
Phileo Damansara	4.00 3.50	3.70 3.30	3.70 3.20	3.50 3.00	3.10 2.80	2.70 2.40	2.20 2.00	2.00 1.80	1.30 1.20	0.80 0.80	1.70 1.60	2.00 1.80
Pusat Bandar Damansara	3.80 3.30	4.30 3.70	3.80 3.30	3.60 3.10	3.40 3.00	3.10 2.70	2.90 2.60	2.50 2.20	2.00 1.80	1.70 1.60	0.80 0.80	1.20 1.10
Semantan	3.90 3.40	3.70 3.30	4.00 3.50	3.70 3.30	3.70 3.20	3.30 2.90	3.20 2.80	2.80 2.50	2.30 2.10	2.00 1.80	1.20 1.10	0.80 0.80

VICES is capped at RMI per trip," he added.

"The MyRapid card can be used only when the full line is completed and when the Integrated Cashless Payment System by the Land Public Transport Commission comes to force."

He said it would fix the entry doors as soon as possible as MRT aimed to give the best for commuters.

"We have received feedback from users that the door alert time was too fast. There have been instances where some passengers got caught between the doors.

"The one-month trial period has

given us the time to see what improvements can be done, and we hope to give a better service to users from now on."

Yesterday, the Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line began charging fares after

one month of free rides, which was given to commuters during its launch last month.

More people were expected to use MRT when the full line is completed in July.