

MEDIA RELEASE: SBK Line Full Opening Boosts Coverage of Kuala Lumpur's Urban Rail Network

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Kuala Lumpur, 13 July 2017: The opening of Phase Two of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line on Monday, 17 July 2017, will significantly increase Kuala Lumpur's urban rail network coverage.

The opening of Phase Two completes the entire 51km SBK Line. Commuters would now be able to easily reach the centre of Kuala Lumpur, such as the Golden Triangle and the old Chinatown quarter by using the SBK Line.

Phase Two of the SBK Line stretches from the Semantan Station to the Kajang Station. This phase includes the 9.5km underground and the 20.5km southern elevated sections, with 19 stations. Of these, seven are underground stations.

Phase One, which was opened on 16 December 2016, is from the Sungai Buloh Station to the Semantan Station, comprising the 21km northern elevated section of the line.

At a media briefing today prior to the full opening of the SBK Line, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) Project Director SBK Line Mr Marcus Karakashian said all seven interchange stations of the SBK Line would become operational with the opening of Phase Two.

"This will allow commuters to easily transfer from the MRT service to other rail services, allowing them to reach many more areas in Kuala Lumpur," Karakashian said.

The interchange stations under Phase Two are:

- **Muzium Negara** which is linked via a pedestrian walkway to KL Sentral Station (where there are KTM, LRT Kelana Jaya Line, ERL services);
- **Pasar Seni** which has a paid-to-paid link with the Pasar Seni LRT Station (LRT Kelana Jaya Line);
- **Merdeka** which has a paid-to-paid link with Plaza Rakyat LRT Station (LRT Ampang Line);
- **Maluri** which has a paid-to-paid link with Maluri LRT Station (LRT Ampang Line);
- **Kajang** where there is a common concourse with the Kajang KTM Station.

The Sungai Buloh Station also shares a common concourse with the Sungai Buloh KTM Station and was opened last year under Phase One of the SBK Line.

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A paid-to-paid link means that commuters do not need to exit any fare gates nor buy a new ticket when transferring from the MRT to the other rail service or vice-versa.

Karakashian said the opening of Phase Two would serve densely populated areas previously not covered by rail-based public transport such as Cheras and parts of the Kajang area.

“Because of the integration with other lines and the new areas of coverage, I believe many people will be using the SBK Line. We certainly encourage people to use this modern, efficient, reliable, safe and environmentally-friendly mode of transport,” he said.

On park and ride facilities, Karakashian said seven of these facilities would be opened on 17 July 2017. They are those at the Maluri, Taman Midah, Taman Suntex, Bandar Tun Hussein Onn, Bukit Dukung and Sungai Jernih Station, as well as the one at Phileo Damansara Station.

Meanwhile, MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations briefed the media on the SBK Line Launch event which would be taking place on 17 July 2017.

He said the event would be taking place at the Tun Razak Exchange Station in Kuala Lumpur. After that, he would be taking an MRT train to the Stadium Kajang Station where he would then proceed to Kajang Stadium to celebrate with the people.

The SBK Line is the first MRT line in Malaysia to be opened. The 51km line has 31 stations, of which seven are underground stations.

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