

# Kuantan rail link with KL shortly

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**Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir after he had cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the by-pass.**

**KUANTAN, Fri.** — A railway line from Chukai in Trengganu to Kuantan Port and Kuantan Town and onwards to Kuala Lumpur will be built in the next few years.

**Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad**

said today when he opened the Kuantan by-pass that the railway besides linking these towns with the rest of the country would also provide more employment opportunities.

Many people would be able to find jobs with

the railway itself.

The railway will also serve to open up the more remote areas of Pahang, a State which has vast reserves of thick tropical forests.

Other development plans include the Kuantan airport which can service Boeing 747s and

the 148 kilometre Kuantan-Segamat highway.

Roads are high on the Pahang development priority list since they are the main means of opening up the large tracts of still unexplored land in the State.

The State govern-

ment has also allocated funds to upgrade existing roads, especially those belonging to the State which are linked to land development schemes.

There are also plans to link Kuantan with the Cameron Highlands.