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Meeting on Trans-Asia Railway begins today

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - A two-day meeting on the Trans-Asia Railway project will begin here tomorrow aimed at securing acceptance of an inception report of the Malaysian-coordinated project.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, who will chair the meeting, said today the meeting was also to "get understanding" on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to finish one route of the railway while various reports on the project were being prepared.

Malaysia is spearheading the Trans-Asia Railway project linking Singapore to Kunming in Southern China.

"The meeting is to get acceptance of the inception report of the first phase of the specialist consultant study. The report will have information of the railways of the countries involved in the project."

He was speaking after hosting a luncheon for 30 North Korean children who are here to raise funds for famine relief there through four choir performances.

Dr Ling said interim and final reports would be done and the final report would be ready next April.

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