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Second phase of Genting Skyway project under way

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HAVING completed the first phase of the RM128 million Genting Skyway mono cable car system in Genting Highlands, Resorts World Bhd plans to extend its Gohtong Jaya cable car station to the mass transit transportation system of Kuala Lumpur, the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang and Westport in Port Klang.

Its chairman, Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong, said the company is currently working out details of the second phase of the Genting Skyway project.

"What you see today is only the first phase of the Genting Skyway.

"The facilities at Gohtong Jaya station have been built with this extension in mind," he said in his speech read out by Resorts World managing director Datuk Lim Kok Thay at the of the Genting Skyway in Genting Highlands yesterday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched the 3.38km cable car project said to be the longest mono cable car system in South East Asia.

It was specifically built to ease traffic congestion to and from the hill resort which is about 2,000 metres above sea level.

The cable car service to Genting Highlands is the company's latest measure to reduce traffic especially buses between the Awana Hotel, located midway of the Genting Highlands, and the top of the mountain.

The Skyway, which started operations on February 1, can ferry 2,000 people an hour one way. Each gondola is capable of carrying eight persons. Each trip takes about 11 minutes.

In the process of developing and building the Skyway cable transportation system, Lim said no details were spared to ensure the complete safety of the system.

"All methods and procedures employed complied with the highest Swiss standards and safety regulations," Lim said, adding that each pylon is accessible via rescue tracks on the ground, .

Each gondola too has safety equipment, including two-way communication to the station, and the foundation of the Skyway is anchored with "Caisson" walls reinforced with concrete infill panels.

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