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King rides the LRT to Bukit Jalil Games site

THE Star-LRT system had royalty as passengers last Saturday when the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Jaafar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah took a ride from the Sultan Ismail Station to the Commonwealth Games venue in Bukit Jalil.

Acompanying them on their short trip were their daughters Tunku Dara Naquiah and Tunku Jawahir.

The royal couple spent about four hours visiting the various Games venues.

On hand to receive the royal entourage at the LRT station were Sistem Transit Aliran Ringan Automatik Sdn Bhd chairman Tan Sri Salehuddin Mohamed, chief executive officer Zainal Abdul Ghani and Kuala Lumpur Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Sharif.

Salehuddin said the Star-LRT will be the chief mode of transportation during the 10-day Games.

He said it would take a mere 24 minutes to travel between the Sultan Ismail Station and Bukit Jalil with trains leaving at three-minute intervals.

He said in the three-car configuration, it could ferry 1,200 commuters per trip or 24,000 passengers per direction per hour.

Salehuddin said the service will be extended to 3am on the opening and closing days of the Games.

The RM3.5 billion Star-LRT system - the first operating intra-city people-mover train system - was officially launched by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 11.

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