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STAR-LRT BEGINS TEST RUNS ON SECOND PHASE ROUTE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 7 (Bernama) -- Sistem Transit Aliran Ringan Sdn Bhd, the operator of the city's light rail transit (STAR-LRT), has started test runs on its second phase route to the Commonwealth Games Village in Sri Petaling.

In a statement, STAR said the testing and commissioning of the trains were in full swing since last week, including training of STAR personnel, safety, technical and complete operations simulation of the system.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to officially launch the STAR-LRT and the Bukit Jalil Sports Complex on July 11.

It said all STAR-LRT trains have been converted from the present two to a three-vehicle configuration, increasing the capacity to 1,200 passengers.

The line has been constructed to cater for a maximum demand of up to 24,000 passengers per hour per direction, it said.

The test trains will be operating on the first phase line between Ampang and Jalan Sultan Ismail station.

All stations for second phase would be equipped with destination display that shows the destination of the next train to arrive.

The STAR-LRT automatic fare collection equipment will be upgraded with ticket machines to facilitate and provide convenience to commuters.

It said the journey from Sultan Ismail station to Sri Petaling station would take only 24 minutes at RM2.90 trip fare.

Trains will initially operate every five minutes during the peak hours and every eight minutes during off peak.

During the Commonwealth Games, it said the frequency of trains would be increased to match the expected high demand at three minutes interval during the games opening and closing ceremonies. -- BERNAMA

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