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## Free STAR-LRT tickets await lucky passengers

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - STAR-LRT is giving away RM20 worth of free tickets to every 500th passenger attending the launching of Malaysia's Centennial Towards A New Millennium celebrations at its station in Bukit Jalil.

The launch will be held at the Stadium Nasional Bukit Jalil on Aug 30.

Sistem Transit Aliran Ringan Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Zainal Abdul Ghani said the free tickets were to encourage the public to use the LRT service.

At a function to promote the event at the stadium today, he said Star-LRT would provide trains every three minutes to ferry passengers to the stadium on that day.

He said 24 trains would be operating every hour, ferrying 24,000 passengers at a time.

The trains will operate between 5pm and 2am.

Zainal said STAR would also provide 200 additional parking spaces at the Tasik Selatan Station during the promotion.

The company would also provide a shuttle train service for passengers from Ampang station to Chan Sow Lin station.

Zainal said the company did not foresee any problem as it handled 24,000 passengers during the 16th Commonwealth Games last year.

Zainal advised the public to buy return tickets a week or two in advance. The tickets are valid for three months.

Earlier, Zainal received 10,000 free passes, 2,000 flyers and 150 posters to be put up at Star-LRT stations from Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry deputy secretary-general Datuk Tengku Alaudin Tengku Abdul Majid.

Also present was the ministry's tourism division chief assistant secretary Azhar Abu Bakar.

The posters and pamphlets, sponsored by Genting Bhd for the launch, would be pasted on trains and at STAR stations.

The free passes also allow visitors to the stadium to win lucky draw prizes like a Proton Satria GTI and Modenas Jaguh and Kriss motorcycles.

The passes will be distributed to tourist information kiosks in the Klang Valley, Star-LRT ticket booths and several shopping complexes including the Sungai Wang Plaza.

They could also be obtained from the Ministry's office on the 6th floor of Menara Dato Onn, Putra World Trade Centre, along Jalan Tun Ismail.

They would be issued on a first-come-first-served basis beginning today.

The flyers will be distributed in the Klang Valley of which 40,000 could be exchanged for passes at the launching ceremony.

Several major events are being lined up for Malaysia's Centennial over the next two years with the New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd and China Press as the official media.

They include the National Tourism Summit, Expo Malaysia, Malaysian Heritage and Cultural Festival, Le Tour de Langkawi and National Water Fest next year.

Malaysia's Centennial is aimed at instilling awareness of and love for the nation among the people.

The launch will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the stadium on Aug 30.

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