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YTL DENIES DISPUTE WITH KL PRT ON MONORAIL STATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- YTL Corporation Bhd today denied reports on dispute between the company and monorail concessionaire KL PRT Sdn Bhd regarding the delay on the building of a monorail station at the Bintang Walk area.

Its managing director, Tan Sri Francis Yeoh, said the reports were just rumours spread by some quarters.

"I think the People Rapid Transit (PRT) helps to make city travel easier and I don't see why there should be a dispute," he said when asked to confirm the dispute which was reported yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference to introduce the Bintang project, Yeoh said: "We (YTL and KL PRT) are working together to enhance the quality of the city and talking about the best way to accommodate people using the PRT to Bintang."

Bintang Walk is a project to turn a three-kilometre walkway along Bukit Bintang into sidewalk cafes and is scheduled for completion by December.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the new tourist attraction on Dec 7.

The report, published yesterday, said both companies had earlier agreed to simultaneously start work on the monorail station and Bintang Walk projects to avoid inconveniencing the public.

A pedestrian bridge to link Lot 10 and the station was expected to be built in front of the shopping complex which is owned by a YTL subsidiary, YTL Land.

However, KL PRT said they would not be able to complete work on the station by December and YTL Land suggested that the work on the station be postponed but KL PRT must compensate for any damage done to the project, said the report.

Yeoh said negotiations were ongoing to complete the project. -- BERNAMA
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