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DOUBLE TRACKS MAY EXTEND UP TO PADANG BESAR

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (Bernama) -- The Rawang-Ipoh double track project may be extended up to Padang Besar, Perlis, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

Speaking to reporters at his office here after attending the weekly cabinet meeting in Putrajaya, he said since the economy had recovered, the Cabinet had decided that the double track project could proceed.

Dr Ling said when fully completed the double track system between Port Klang and Padang Besar would not only provide a fast and efficient container transportation system but would also be used by high speed passenger trains.

He said the government decided to proceed with the double track project because of its viability as there was great demand from shippers and container companies to transport their goods from collecting centres to ports and other places by rail.

He said a Hong Kong-based giant container company was interested in being the main user of the Port Klang-Padang Besar rail system when the double track project was completed.

He said the directors of the Orient Ocean Container Line (OCCL) had indicated their interest to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when they called on him recently.

He said the OCCL was the major user of the rail system in the United States to transport its containers throughout the country.

On the government's plan to purchase the Italian tilting train Padalino, Dr Ling said the double tracking system would be suitable for the train.

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