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ERL tracks laid, test runs set to begin soon

THE Express Rail Link is all set for test runs with the final 30-metre stretch of tracks being laid last Monday.

The final laying of tracks ceremony was attended by ERL Sdn Bhd executive chairman Datuk Nadzmi Mohd Salleh, YTL chairman Tan Sri Yeoh Tiong Lay and THT Technologies chairman Datuk Megat Abdul Rahman Megat Ahmad.

Speaking to reporters later, Nadzmi said the RM2.4 billion ERL project was ahead of schedule with 86 per cent of work having been completed.

He said the first train would be arriving at Port Klang on Aug 25 - from Germany - for test runs.

He said the ERL was expected to be officially launched on April 19 next year, by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"The public will also be given a free two-week familiarisation period to try out the service."

Nadzmi said two services would be offered - the express link between KL Sentral and Putrajaya, which will take 28 minutes, and the Commuter Rail Service which will stop at three intermediate stations at Salak Tinggi, Putrajaya and Bandar Tasik Selatan. The CRS will take about 36 minutes.

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