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RM28.5 MILLION APPROVED FOR RAILWAY TRACK REPAIRS

KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- A Federal allocation of RM28.5 million has been approved for Sabah State Railway to carry out track repairs, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

He said the allocation is also to help Sabah State Railway overcome its financial constraints.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, during a recent visit to Sabah, had suggested that the 135km long railway system linking Kota Kinabalu with Beaufort and Tenom be developed as it has the potential to become a hit with tourists.

"But, the railway track has been in a state of disrepair and the Prime Minister has asked KTM Bhd to undertake a study," Dr Ling said here today.

"KTM Bhd has done a study and made its recommendation to the Cabinet for repairs to be undertaken."

He said the repairs to be undertaken by the Sabah State Railway will be completed in 12 to 14 months.

Dr Ling also said the Transport Ministry has submitted its recommendations on improving port services in Sabah to the Sabah state government.

"Improved efficiency will help the port authorities raise their income," he said.

Dr Ling said he will visit China from April 27 to 29 to get more Chinese airlines to fly to the KL International Airport (KLIA).

He said China has more than seven airlines but currently only two -- Air China and China Southern Airline -- fly to KLIA.

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