

05/11/2003

Or, perhaps, N-S Highway

Premraj Martin Victor

LET us look at the history of naming the KLIA (Sepang). If memory serves me right, there was supposed to be a competition to name the airport. However, it was decided Kuala Lumpur should remain an intergral part of the name to promote the city.

However, the words Kuala Lumpur are somewhat "transplanted" to KLIA Sepang.

Next, how does KLIA touch everyone's lives? Today, with AirAsia more people are flying. But not everybody. However, the North-South Highway touches everybody's lives.

It has been said that the North-South highway is the backbone of the nation and an important reason why foreign investors find the country so attractive. Dr Mahathir himself is the country's No 1 salesman, often showing what this country can do for foreign investors.

No matter how much talk there is about the toll increase, people will always use the highway. KLIA has not reached its full potential, unlike the highway.

Lastly, consider this. The PLUS (Projek Leburaya Utara Selatan) becoming MNSH (Mahathir North-South Highway) or the Malaysian version of Dr Mahathir `N Tun Dr Siti Hasmah.

PREMRAJ MARTIN VICTOR
Penang