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# LRT3 won't exceed RM9b, says Najib

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**EXCEEDED PASSING MARK: MRCB-GK** has good track record

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has given an assurance that the construction of the Light Rail Transit 3 (LRT3) stretch from Bandar Utama to Klang will not exceed RM9 billion.

He said Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd-George Kent (MRCB-GK), which was appointed as the joint-venture partnership, had a track record in similar projects.

"The LRT3 contract was implemented through a pre-qualification

open tender, which was then short-listed to six companies.

"The cost of LRT3 was capped at RM9 billion, and the fees for the project delivery partner (PDP) was set at six per cent of the final project cost," he said in a written reply to a question by Mohd Ariff Sabri Abdul Aziz (DAP-Raub) yesterday.

"The actual cost of the LRT3, which will be negotiated between Prasarana Malaysia Bhd and MRCB-GK, should not exceed RM9 billion," he said.

Najib, who is also finance minister, said the other companies had also given a project cost assumption in their bidding.

Ariff had asked for the rationale in

awarding the contract to the joint venture, which filed its bid at a cost of RM11.5 billion.

Najib clarified that MRCB-GK was chosen as its project delivery partner after it exceeded the passing mark of 70 per cent, with a highest score of 76.99 per cent and had gone through three levels of assessment.

"MRCB-GK was given the opportunity to handle the LRT3 project due to its experience in handling similar projects and its ability to provide quality work and to fulfil the required standards," he said.

He said MRCB-GK's LRT extension along the Ampang line showed good working performance and was satisfactory.

