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PM's surprise MRT visit

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COMMITMENT: Visit is Najib's fifth to the Klang Valley MRT project

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak spent about half-an-hour visiting the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) project, beginning from Semantan Station up to Phileo Damansara Station here yesterday afternoon.

The tour was the prime minister's fifth working visit to the project and the first time that he took the MRT train, which reflected his consistent commitment and concern to ensure that the project met the deadline and was cost specified.

Najib, who arrived at 5pm at Semantan Station, was greeted by the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) chairman Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar and Projek Laluan SBK director Marcus Karakashian.

He then boarded the MRT train that would be operational for the first route, namely the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) stretch from Semantan Station to Pusat Bandar Damansara Station.

Najib later took a look around the Phileo Damansara Station, including visiting the pedestrian overhead bridge crossing the SPRINT Highway that provides a link to the Phileo Damansara commercial centre.

The prime minister then took the



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak boarding a train at **Phileo Damansara Station**. (Inset) The prime minister in a train returning to **Semantan Station**. Bernama pix

train back to Semantan Station to conclude his visit.

According to an MRT Corp statement, the progress for the SBK route is 89 per cent.

The first phase for the SBK route from Sungai Buloh Station to Semantan Station will begin operations in December, while the remaining route from Semantan Sta-

tion to Kajang Station will start operations in July next year.

The project, stretching 51km, involves 31 stations and at a total cost of RM23 billion. **Bernama**