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# KVMRT phase 2 to begin operation on July 17

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**JULY 17** has been set as the date for the launch of the second phase of the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT), where the service is expected to benefit more than 500,000 passengers daily.

"I have chosen a special date for the launching of KVMRT phase 2. It will be on July 17 (17.7.17)." Prime Minister (PM) Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak said after unveiling three major documents under the National Development Plan in Putrajaya yesterday.

Najib said the first phase of KVMRT started its operation on Dec 16, 2016, while the second phase, which will start operating next month, will complete the 51km Sg Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line.

The government, Najib said, has implemented the light rail transit extension of the Ampang and Kelana Jaya lines to improve the public transportation system network in the Klang Valley for it to be more integrated.

This, he added, will complement other projects in the pipeline, such as the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High-Speed Rail and East Coast Rail Line, which will be beneficial



**Najib (centre) with Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar (left) and deputy minister Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique at the launch of RFN3, DPN2 and DPF Desa Negara under the NDP in Putrajaya yesterday**

for the public as well as the nation's economy.

"Public transportation will stimulate our economic development in both urban and rural areas," he said, adding that there is a need for an efficient public transportation system for better connection.

Separately, Najib said three major documents under the National Development Plan (NDP), namely the Third National Physical Development Plan (RFN3), Second National Urbanisation Plan (DPN2) and National Rural

Physical Planning Policy (DPF Desa Negara) are formulated for a dynamic, balanced and resilient development roadmap for Malaysia's future.

"I believe these documents were drawn up based on manifestations and taking into consideration the views, wants, aspirations and needs of every level of Malaysian society," Najib added.

He further stated that these documents are vital as main source of reference for various agencies in drawing up the nation's physical

development plans that would be efficient and sustainable.

The RFN3 is the highest planning document for the national physical development, which includes strategic policies and states sectoral into a dimensional spatial and physical.

The DPN2 touches on new challenges that need systematic planning and township development, and urban sprawl, while DPF Desa Negara outlines policies and strategies to ensure rural areas conserved.

According to the PM, the urbanisation rate in the country is expected to reach 77% in 2020 and increase to 85% in 2040.

The population of the rural area is also expected to decline to 23% in 2020 and to 15% in 2040.

Therefore, he said this situation requires the strengthening and improvement in capability in terms of economic competitiveness in rural areas, particularly in attracting high-value investments and creating economic value chain activities between cities and rural areas.

Malaysia is expected to become an ageing nation by 2040 and according to Najib, such situation requires the need for healthcare services, and facilities and infrastructure for ageing population in the country to have better lives.