

TRAVEL PASS BOOST FOR COMMUTERS

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Families can visit tourist attractions in the Klang Valley on Prasarana's rail, bus routes, says PM

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WITH the introduction of the Keluarga Malaysia (Malaysian Family) Pass by Prasarana Malaysia Bhd, it is hoped that the public will be encouraged to use public transport when travelling or visiting attractions in the Klang Valley.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said at only RM15, the travel pass would enable four people in a group to enjoy day-long unlimited rides on Prasarana-owned bus and train services on weekends and public holidays.

The services include the Light Rail Transit (LRT), Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), the monorail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

"This means that each person in the group of four will only have to pay RM3.75 to use rail and bus services operated by Rapid KL all day long.

"This initiative is aimed at encouraging Malaysian families to

go out and spend quality time with their loved ones, either to go to the malls or just to visit the many tourist attractions along the public transport network in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor," he said when launching the travel pass here yesterday.

Present were Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong, Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim and Prasarana chairman Tan Sri Jamaludin Ibrahim.

Ismail Sabri also said convenient, efficient and interconnected public transport was vital for Keluarga Malaysia's mobility.

"Public transport is no exception in playing an important role in ensuring the success of Keluarga Malaysia because apart from being a tool for national unity, it also spurs economic growth," he said.

Ismail Sabri also announced the "Transit Package for Small and Medium-scale Enterprise (SME) owners", which would be implemented by Prasarana Integrated Development Sdn Bhd (PRIDE), a subsidiary of Prasarana Bhd, starting March next year.

The package would allow SME owners to conduct business at eight LRT stations along the Kelana Jaya LRT Line.

The stations are Subang Alam,



Alam Sutera, Putra Height, Puchong Industrial Park, Awan Besar, IOI Puchong Jaya, Plaza Rakyat and SS18.

"Under the package, 20 retail space, each measuring 80 to 400 sq ft, will be offered to the SME owners through drawing of lots."

Ismail Sabri said the successful applicants would enjoy a special rental structure for a year, including a three-month rental exemption. The details will be announced by PRIDE soon.

"I also want to take this opportunity to encourage SME owners to participate and help boost the local economy so as to bring prosperity and benefits to all members of Keluarga Malaysia," he said.

Ismail Sabri praised Prasarana for introducing various initiatives to help small entrepreneurs increase their sales during the pandemic.

He said this included using media platforms to promote food-based SME products along the Rapid KL rail and bus lines, as well as at the stations and hubs.

"Thank you Prasarana for carrying out your corporate social responsibility to help the entrepreneurs to resume their businesses and revive the economy which had been affected by the pandemic," he said.

Ismail Sabri also gave an assurance that the government would remain committed to doing its level best to ensure the wellbeing of the people under the concept of Keluarga Malaysia. **Bernama**



A Prasarana Bhd employee showing a mock-up of the Keluarga Malaysia Pass that enables four people in a group to enjoy day-long unlimited rides on Prasarana-owned bus and train services on weekends and public holidays for just RM15.