

New trains to increase ridership

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KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the government, through the Urban Public Transport NKRA, aims to increase the Klang Valley public transport ridership to 25% or 600,000 passengers daily during peak hours.

Muhyiddin on March 8 said the government's decision to enhance the national public transportation system began two years ago when it was first introduced as part of the GTP.

The public transportation system took another step forward with the introduction of the first six-car train set for the Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTMB)'s Komuter service.

To date, he said, KTM Komuter trains are transporting passengers 1.4 times its limit during peak hours, which causes discomfort to passengers and maintenance issues resulting in schedule delays and service cancellations.

Hence, the government has allocated RM1.9bil for the acquisition of the trains that would be introduced to the rail service lines in stages.

Muhyiddin said the government has received 18 train sets from China, with four already inspected by the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) while the remaining 14 are currently being tested.

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