

Najib Pays Surprise Visit to Klang Valley MRT Project
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today spent about half-an-hour making a surprise visit to the Klang Valley MRT (KVMRT) project beginning from the Semantan Station up to Phileo Damansara Station, here this afternoon.

The tour was the Prime Minister's fifth working visit to the KVMRT project and the first time that he took the MRT train, which clearly reflected his consistent commitment and concern to ensure that the project would meet the deadline and cost specified.

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

He later boarded the MRT train that would be operational for the first route namely the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) stretch from Semantan Station to the Pusat Bandar Damansara Station prior to the Phileo 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 subsequently took the train back to the Semantan Station to conclude his visit to the project.

According to a statement from MRT Corp, the progress for the project for the SBK route currently 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 Station to Kajang Station will start operations in July 2017.

The project stretching 51 kilometres involves 31 stations and a total cost of RM23 billion.

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