



Special document: Chan checking out the appointment certificate issued to committee members of the Malaysia Xiang Lian Youth Association Charity and Education Fund after its launching in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

EPU studying YTL bullet train proposal

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Economic Planning Unit (EPU) is in the final stages of studying YTL Corp Bhd's proposal for a bullet train service between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy.

He said the EPU of the Prime Minister's Department was also assessing the social impact study completed by Khazanah Nasional Bhd.

"Our ministry has been asked to provide input, especially in the technical point of view. I understand that once this is completed, the Government will be briefed in full before making a final decision," he said.

As for when the EPU would complete its study so that a decision could be made by the Government, Chan said all the problems had to be thrashed out and no hasty decision would be made.

"This is a very big infrastructure project so we have to look into all aspects very carefully before a final decision is made," he said.

Chan was speaking at a press conference after launching the Malaysia Xiang Lian Youth Association Charity and Education Fund of the Federation of Malaysian Clans and Guilds

Youth Association here yesterday.

Earlier, in his speech, Chan, who is MCA deputy president, urged the private sector to support the federation so that it could play a more active role in organising charity and education related activities.

"The setting up of the fund is in line with our national policy to provide more educational opportunities to the younger generation so that they can play a bigger role in the country's development," he said, adding that the Government had allocated RM50,000 to the fund.

On Saturday night, speaking at the Railwaymen's Union of Malaya's (RUM) dinner, he expressed support for the union's bid to take KTM Bhd back to the public sector.

He added that the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Zakaria Bahari had been tasked with looking into the matter.

KTMB was privatised on Aug 1, 1992.

RUM president Abdul Razak Md Hassan said all of KTMB's development had been paid for by the Government.

"Looking at this situation, we think it is compulsory that the Government have KTMB back in the public sector," he said.