

Business class for KTM soon

KUALA LUMPUR: Commuters of the Electric Train Service (ETS) will soon have the option of travelling in business class once the new sets of coaches arrive in September.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the decision to include business class for the KTM Bhd (KTMB) service from Kuala Lumpur to Padang Besar is due to ETS having received good response.

“We will also have Wi-Fi service. I have instructed the KTMB chief executive officer to include Wi-Fi for all the coaches – not just business class – so that commuters can do their work during the journey.

“This is one way of providing comfort and better services for the public,” he told reporters after presenting the Rotary Pride of Workmanship award to KTMB staff at KL Sentral here yesterday.

KTMB CEO Mohd Rani Hisham Samsudin said the first set of the nine coaches is expected to arrive in September, adding that the service would hopefully begin by October. “There are also plans to provide other facilities, such as food on board and blankets for business class passengers.

“For the Wi-Fi service, we hope this will be provided in a month or two or by the latest in April for all the coaches,” he said, adding there would also be a special lounge for business class passengers in KL Sentral.

Earlier, Liow said the bilateral agreement for the Rapid Transit System (RTS) link between Johor Baru and Woodlands would be signed during a leaders’ retreat next week. Once the agreement is inked, he said the RTS is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.