

Liow: Key projects on track

KUALA LUMPUR: The LRT extensions and Sunway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) are among several key projects to transform and improve public transportation that are expected to be completed later this year, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said.

“These will help provide efficient, comfortable, reliable and safe public transportation by 2020, especially for the estimated 10 million urbanites living in Greater Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley,” he said in the National Transformation Programme (NTP) Annual Report 2015.

Liow also noted that the National Key Results Areas for urban public transportation this year aimed to deliver other high-impact public transportation projects, including the LRT line extensions.

“The completion of the Performance Monitoring Hub System and Centralised Taxi Support System later this year will serve as a platform to monitor all stage buses and taxis in Greater Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley.

“Also in the pipeline are the MRT Sungai Buloh-Semantan network and KL Monorail capacity expansion projects by 2017, and the Integrated Cashless System to integrate ticketing systems by 2018.

”Speaking to reporters after the launching of the NTP annual report in Angkasapuri here yesterday, Liow said the country was on the right track in becoming a developed nation come 2020.

He noted that the continuous economic development would bring a huge impact to the country in the coming two to three years.

“We hope to continue this transformation programme because it will increase the living quality of our people and their income will continue to be increased.”Firstly now we have to solve the cost of living issue and the average income of the people,” he said.

Liow added that Sabah and Sarawak played a huge role in the NTP as the two were among the biggest states in the country. He said he was happy to note that the Pan Borneo Highway was now in progress where upon completion, will be a catalyst and a game changer for the economic growth in Sabah and Sarawak.

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