

**SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN
SYARIKAT PRASARANA NEGARA BERHAD (PRASARANA)
& SCOMI RAIL BHD (SCOMI)
FOR THE KL MONORAIL FLEET EXPANSION PROJECT**

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Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

A very good afternoon and Salam 1Malaysia

First and foremost I am honoured to be part of this momentous occasion and it is indeed a timely moment as it is in line with our Government's efforts to improve the urban public transportation services, especially within the Klang Valley.

Today, Kuala Lumpur is a bustling metropolitan driven by a growing economy with a population of 6.4 million and it ranks 79th out of 140 cities in the Economist Intelligence Unit's survey. With such encouraging ranking, Kuala Lumpur needs to be supported with an efficient integrated transportation system in order to manage future population and economical growth. The importance of connectivity and accessibility for the city is vital as it envisioned being A World Class City by 2020.

By then, Malaysia's Gross National Income (GNI) is projected to increase close to RM1.7trillion in 2020 under the Government's economic transformation programme. The Prime Minister has also mentioned that in order to fulfil this high-income nation benchmark as defined by the World Bank, Malaysia needs to grow at five to six per cent between 2011 and 2020.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the Government's Transformation Program ("GTP"), a roadmap to transform Malaysia into a developed nation by the year 2020; proper objectives, concrete targets and initiatives have been outlined.

There are six National Key Results Areas ("NKRA") outlined for improvement and at the top of the agenda is improving urban public transport. To achieve the target of increasing public transportation ridership to 25% by 2012, the Ministry of Transport has

planned 11 initiatives over 4 main categories of public transportation which includes Bus services, Rail services, Integration of systems and Network for the Klang Valley.

Under the Rail services, there are 3 initiatives that the Ministry of Transport are focusing on, which is increasing the capacity of the KTM Commuter System and the RapidKL LRT line as well as elevating the congestion on the current KL Monorail line. The KL Monorail is currently operating at 35% over capacity and this number is expected to double by 2012.

The KL Monorail is the only rail system that provides the last mile travel for many Central Business District ("CBD") bound passengers as it is currently the only rail system able to navigate through limited space in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. Projecting that the KL Monorail line will eventually operate at 85% over capacity within the next few years, the government has move forward to step-up improvements and double its capacity within 2 years with the new 4-car monorail fleet.

In 2010, the Ministry of Transport launched the new four-car trains for the Kelana Jaya LRT line which met our initiative on increasing the capacity of the RapidKL LRT line and today, I am pleased to be able to be a part of the KL Monorail Fleet expansion project which will fulfill our second initiative of elevating congestion on the KL Monorail line.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Transport lauds efforts to improve service quality and efficiency of our public transportation system. Even more so, if we are to stand amongst emerging country like Japan, we need to deploy a multi-modalism system that considers various modes and connections to fill its optimal role in the overall transport system.

That is why we recognise Scomi's ability to offer a home grown technology, a made in Malaysia solution, with the introduction of its new 4-car monorail fleet.

I am proud to support a world class product that is internationally recognized and most importantly is made by Malaysians for Malaysians. I understand Scmi has achieved global recognition with the Mumbai monorail project in India and most recently in Brazil too. I am also excited to see the 4-car monorail in the Kuala Lumpur skyline in 2013.

Last but not least, Congratulations to both Prasarana and Scmi for the signing today and thank for having me to witness this ceremony.

Thank you.