

**Speech by YB Anthony Loke, Ministry of Transport
At the Official Unveiling Ceremony of Bandaraya – UOB LRT Station
UOB Plaza 1 KL, 3 October 2025**

[Salutations will be read out by emcee at the beginning of the ceremony]

Introduction

1. Before I begin, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mr Wee, Ms Ng, and the entire UOB Malaysia team for the warm welcome to your headquarters.
2. Thank you for hosting us today and for the gracious hospitality extended by your team.
3. It was a privilege to explore your impressive, green-certified headquarters and learn more about UOB's 90-year history, including your humble beginnings in Malaysia.
4. With such deep roots in Malaysia, it's inspiring to see how your journey has evolved and how committed you remain to serving the community and championing sustainable growth.
5. Now, we gather to celebrate the official unveiling of the newly rebranded Bandaraya-UOB LRT Station.

6. Today's event is not just about naming a station, it is about forging a partnership that uplifts our city and enhances the daily lives of Malaysians.
7. I would like to commend UOB Malaysia for supporting the government's station naming rights programme.
8. This initiative exemplifies how the private sector can contribute meaningfully to national development.
9. Our collaboration with the Bank, which began in 2022, demonstrates a successful public-private partnership built on shared goals in sustainability, transport and economic growth.
10. Today's milestone is testament to the Bank's continued dedication to enriching urban life through meaningful and creative partnerships.
11. This proactive engagement is exactly what we need to drive sustainable development and improve the quality of life for our citizens.
12. I am also pleased to hear that Ms Ng shares Prasarana's mission to enhance urban mobility and connectivity. This partnership goes far beyond corporate branding.
13. It reflects a shared vision to build smarter, greener cities across Malaysia. One of the most impactful ways to achieve that vision is by encouraging more Malaysians to choose public transport as part of their daily lives.

14. With current usage at 20%, we have a great opportunity to grow towards our 40% target under the National Transport Policy 2019–2030.
15. Initiatives like this play a key role in that journey. A strong, efficient transport system not only drives sustainability and economic progress. It also improves the daily lives of our commuters.
16. Moreover, a collaboration like this help ease the government's financial responsibilities in maintaining LRT infrastructure, while delivering better services and facilities for the public.
17. Ultimately, our goal is to serve the people. Every improvement we make, whether through partnership or policy, is aimed at making daily commutes more accessible, convenient and comfortable for Malaysians.
18. Beyond public transport, I also had the honour of officiating the launch of UOB's U-Drive in 2023, a financing solution that supports Malaysia's entire electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem.
19. This initiative showcases how the Bank is taking real steps to promote low-carbon mobility and drive meaningful change across the broader transport landscape.

Closing

20. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr Wee and Ms Ng for your invaluable support in making today's initiative a reality.

21. On that note, allow me to congratulate UOB Malaysia and UOB Group on being named Best Bank in Malaysia and Best Bank in Asia Pacific by Global Finance.
22. This well-deserved recognition highlights your leadership in banking innovation, commitment to sustainability, and dedication to delivering exceptional value to customers and communities.
23. We look forward to UOB Malaysia's continued collaboration with Prasarana and the Ministry of Transport in advancing our shared goals.
24. May this milestone mark the beginning of many more meaningful collaborations with UOB Malaysia—partnerships that not only uplift our communities but also help propel our nation toward a more sustainable and connected future.
25. Thank you.

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