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MRT PROJECT CENTRALISED LABOUR QUARTERS WELCOME FOREIGN MISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Kuala Lumpur, 26 April 2017: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) hosted the representatives of two countries at the Sungai Buloh Centralised Labour Quarters (CLQ) today.

The visit enabled the representatives to see for themselves the standard of housing provided by MRT Corp for workers involved in the construction of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line.

The representatives who were at the visit were Bangladesh High Commission Labour Counsellor Mr Sayedul Islam and Indonesian Embassy Transport Attache Capt Mochamad Abduh.

The CLQ concept was first introduced by MRT Corp for the construction of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line. A total 11 CLQs were construction at four locations (Sungai Buloh, Cochrane, Cheras and Kajang) to accommodate workers involved in the construction of the line.

The same concept has been adopted to house workers involved in the SSP Line. A total of 13 CLQs will be available: three in Sungai Buloh, one in Cochrane and nine in Serdang.

Those in Sungai Buloh and Cochrane were previously used by workers for the SBK Line and have been refurbished for the SSP Line while those in Serdang will be newly built. The 13 CLQs will have a maximum capacity of 9,300 beds. Currently the CLQs are housing approximately 1,950 workers since construction commenced September 2016.

These CLQs are equipped with spacious cabins, cafeterias, *surau*, sick bays, washing facilities, recreational facilities and sundry shops. The CLQs also have state-of-the-art



security features, where workers must go through a ten-point facial recognition system upon entering.

The highlight of the visit was a walkabout of the CLQs, where the representatives were able to witness first-hand the living environment in the CLQ. They were brought to the cabins, the sick bays as well as the centralised kitchen where workers are allowed to cook their own meals.

One of the improvements that have been introduced for the CLQs under the SSP Line is the lower number of workers assigned to each room. Previously, there were eight workers assigned to each cabin in one of the CLQs but the number has been reduced to a maximum of six following the adoption of the Malaysian Standard on Temporary Construction Site Workers Amenities and Accommodation (MS 2593:2015).

MRT Corp Head of CLQ, Health, Environment, Safety and Security Encik Yusof Kasiron said MRT Corp's CLQ concept had set a precedent in the country, where centralised labour management was seen as the way to best way to manage foreign construction workers in the country.

"Other companies have adopted our CLQ model for their projects. The MRT Project's CLQs have been a catalyst in improving the standards of the construction industry for the country" he said.

The workers currently residing at the CLQs for the SSP Line are from six countries, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal, India and Myanmar.

Construction of the SSP Line is currently progressing as scheduled at 6.2% overall completion.

The First Phase of MRT SSP Line will be ready in July 2021, and the line will be fully operational by July 2022.

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