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## MRT CORP THE FIRST RAILWAY ORGANISATION TO MAKE CORRUPTION-FREE PLEDGE

### *Pledge further enhances integrity and good governance in the Klang Valley MRT Project*

**Kuala Lumpur, 18 October 2017:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd has a heavy responsibility in ensuring integrity and good governance as it becomes the first railway organisation in Malaysia to make the Corruption-Free Pledge, its Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Shahril Mokhtar said.

"What is important about the pledge, which was collectively taken by the MRT Corp board members, leadership team and staff, is that it strongly reinforces the corruption-free stand which we adopt in MRT Corp.

"Being the first government-owned railway company to make the Corruption-Free Pledge, MRT Corp has to make sure that the event was not just a big show," he said.

He said MRT Corp had already been recognised for its efforts in ensuring integrity and good governance in being the owner and developer of the Klang Valley MRT (KVMRT) Project and this meant that the responsibility to maintain such standards was even greater now.

Shahril pointed to Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak recently saying that the procurement process used for the MRT Project would now be adopted for all government megaprojects.

"This announcement by the Prime Minister is a huge boost for MRT Corp. It confirms that what we have been doing all this while is the correct thing to do.

"We are proud that MRT Corp has managed to set the benchmark in the procurement process for billion ringgit Government projects," he said.

Over 500 people consisting of board members, leadership team and staff of MRT Corp took the Corruption-Free Pledge on 5 October 2017, pledging to refrain from corrupt practices while carrying out their duties in developing Malaysia's biggest infrastructure project.



The pledge was led by MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Shahril Mokhtar and was witnessed by Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Dzulkifli Ahmad.

Shahril said MRT Corp's commitment in ensuring transparency had started from the early stage of the company's existence.

He said this culture was adopted not only for the "big items" like the procurement process, but even for simple steps such as publishing its financial statements despite not being legally required to do so.

"MRT Corp is not a public listed company but we have never failed to produce an Annual progress Report which gives a report on the progress of the project and its financial situation.

"The company believes that it has a duty to the *rakyat*, to be as transparent and accountable to them as it has been entrusted with taxpayers' money to develop the KVMRT Project," he said.

He said on 17 July 2017, MRT Corp had successfully implemented ten anti-corruption initiatives, under its Corporate Integrity Pledge.

Together with the Corruption-Free Pledge ceremony, these combined initiative further solidifies MRT Corp's strong commitment towards a culture of integrity.

To further involve MRT Corp staff in its anti-corruption stance. Shahril said MRT Corp also handed 537 application forms filled by MRT Corp's employees, including him and the Leadership Team, to become part of the Sahabat GERAH SPRM. GERAH, or *Gerakan Revolusi Anti Rasuah*.

"We want all of us to become the catalyst for change in society to reject and hate corruption and abuse of power," he said.

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