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15 ELEVATED, 9 UNDERGROUND STATIONS

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PHASE 2 of the Putrajaya MRT Line will be fully operational by March next year, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) said.

MRT Corp, in a statement, said construction of the line linking the Kampung Batu station to Putrajaya Sentral had been completed.

"The 38.7km-long section of the Phase 2 alignment, which features 15 elevated stations and nine underground stations, is expected to be operational from March 2023."

The Putrajaya MRT Line Phase 1, which entails 11 elevated stations between Kwasa Damansara and Kampung Batu, began operations on June 16.

Upon completion of Phase 2, there will be 10 interchange stations where commuters can transfer to other existing rail lines.

The interchanges are Kwasa Damansara (with Kajang MRT Line), Sungai Buloh (KTM), Sri Damansara Timur (KTM), Kampung Batu (KTM), Titiwangsa (Ampang and Sri Petaling LRT Lines, KL Monorail), Ampang Park (Kelana Jaya LRT Line), Tun Razak Exchange (Kajang MRT Line), Chan Sow Lin (Ampang and Sri Petaling LRT Lines), Sungai Besi (Sri Petaling LRT Line) and Putrajaya Sentral (ERL and



Repair work on faulty escalators on LRT, MRT and Monorail lines will be completed by February. FILE PIC

KLIA Transit Lines).

A total of 5,870 parking spots are available at each of the stations along the line, MRT Corp added.

The Putrajaya MRT Line was previously scheduled for operation in August 2021, but was later postponed to mid-November 2021 and then faced further delays.

Once completed, the MRT Putrajaya Line will cover a span of 57.7km, with 36 stations from Kwasa Damansara to Putrajaya.

Meanwhile, Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd announced that repair works for faulty escalators at LRT, MRT and Monorail stations in the Klang Valley are scheduled to be completed by February 2023.

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The company said it received the necessary spare parts in early December last year, after experiencing delivery delays due to global supply chain disruptions.

To prevent delays in repair works in the future, Rapid Rail said it had taken steps to ensure a similar situation would not recur.

"With the availability of the spare parts, immediate replacement work has been carried out by the original equipment manufacturer contractor in stages and is expected to be fully completed by February 2023."

"As of Dec 15, the process of replacing 20 handrail units and

three stepchain units at 10 MRT stations has been completed, and the escalators at the stations are back in operation.

"As a long-term measure, Rapid Rail has implemented a condition-based maintenance programme or 'condition-based maintenance' (CBM) where the process of replacing components that are judged to be damaged or frequently found to be problematic will continue to be carried out without waiting for the end of the service life.

"Based on the CBM concept, Rapid Rail has made sufficient advance bookings to support the CBM programme," the firm said in a statement yesterday.

According to Rapid Rail, maintenance work for elevators at the train stations was being carried out periodically to ensure that the facilities provided for users were in good condition.

Currently, the company said the availability percentage of lift facility operations at LRT and MRT stations was at 99 per cent.

Regarding the issue of elevators in Monorail stations, Rapid Rail said that the original design of Monorail stations did not have elevator facilities.

However, considering the needs of users, especially the elderly and the disabled, the company said Prasarana had taken the initiative to add 18 units of lifts and 39 units of "wheelchair platform lift".

"The work to upgrade the lift facility on the monorail requires structural improvements and also involves some safety issues that need to be fixed."

"The upgrade project will start in the first quarter of 2023 and will take 18 months to complete."

On leaking issues at several stations, Rapid Rail said the repair works would be completed in stages and it was expected to be completed by June 2023, adding that so far 21 out of 93 locations had been fixed.

"There are locations of leaks that require more time to resolve because the repairs involve modifications to the roof structure."

At the same time, Rapid Rail said the repair work of the wiring system and replacement of problematic bulbs at stations were expected to be completed soon.

"Rapid Rail has carried out a regular inspection and maintenance programme, and currently the number of non-functioning lights is below one per cent."