

Joint Initiative
in the Railway Sector
between
Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD) of Malaysia
and the Ministry of Land , Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan
(MLIT)

1. Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD) of Malaysia and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (MLIT) (hereinafter referred to as “both sides”) acknowledge the current cooperation between Malaysia and Japan in improving the railway system in Malaysia. Both sides also welcome the ongoing involvement of Japanese companies in the development of mass rapid transit and the light rapid transit in Kuala Lumpur.
2. Both sides welcome further contribution of Japanese railway technology and experiences to the future railway projects, resulting in a more livable and environmentally-friendly society.
3. Both sides recognise that there is an avenue for cooperation in railway development *inter alia* in the following areas:
 - Urban railway;
 - Intercity railway; and
 - Rail freight.
4. The Japanese side may provide SPAD with technical assistance including human resources development for further strengthening the mutual cooperation in the railway sector through relevant entities.
Human resources development cooperation may include the following items:
 - Cooperation with relevant stakeholders;
 - Short or long term technical training programmes for Malaysian experts and practitioners, as exemplified by the Invitation Programme to Japan for the Construction and Operation of Railways implemented by the Japan International Cooperation

Agency (JICA) in January 2016;

- Collaboration between relevant Japanese universities and research entities with SPAD Academy; and
- Knowledge transfer on the regulatory framework of Japanese railway regulators.

5. Both sides may share best practices and cooperate in the following areas:

- Safety regulations and reliability;
- Natural disaster preparedness and mitigation;
- Private initiatives and sound management; and
- Transport-oriented local development.

Such cooperation may be carried out particularly through policy dialogues, information exchanges, workshops and seminars on relevant laws and regulations in cooperation with private companies including Japan Railways.

6. Both sides may explore possible technical cooperation, including technical transfer, in the railway sector.

7. Both sides may collaborate in the implementation of this cooperation through joint follow-up process involving relevant stakeholders.

8. The implementation of this cooperation will be in line with the laws and regulations of each country.

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