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RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW TO FULFILL 70% LOCAL MANPOWER REQUIREMENT FOR THE ECRL PROJECT

Kuala Lumpur, 21 November: The 640-km East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project will embark on a recruitment roadshow from December 2019 onwards in a bid to tap local talents in the construction and rail industry to participate in the nation's largest infrastructure project to-date.

The ECRL project seek to recruit professionals, skilled workers, and general workers as the construction of the rail infrastructure offers job opportunities in various disciplines including engineering and construction, quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC), health, safety, and environment (HSE), commercial, public relations, and administration.

Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd (MRL) and China Communications Construction (ECRL) Sdn Bhd (CCC-ECRL), said the recruitment roadshow would be the ideal platform to stir the interest of Malaysians to join the ECRL bandwagon, as the project stands to generate a workforce of some 23,000 personnel during the peak period of its construction beginning 2021.

The ECRL recruitment roadshow would first take place in areas positioned along the 223-km Dungun to Mentakab mainline (or Section B) as the project's construction works to be expanded from 17 locations to 27 locations along the stretch by year-end would require adequate supply of manpower in the near term.

MRL and CCC-ECRL also said the roadshow would kickoff at the East Coast Mall in Kuantan, Pahang on 5-8 December 2019. It will continue covering destinations along the ECRL rail network in the East Coast states and the Klang Valley throughout 2020.

It noted that Malaysians interested to join the ECRL workforce may walk-in to register and submit their curriculum vitae for pre-screening at ECRL booths to be set-up at the East Coast Mall, as preliminary screening for potential candidates would be conducted by interviewers on the spot. Alternatively, interested Malaysians may also apply online for ECRL jobs (www.ecrl.com.my).

"The recruitment roadshow is in line with ECRL's role as a catalyst for economic equality between the West Coast and East Coast of the peninsula. Hence, we take this opportunity to highlight to Malaysians that there are ample job offers via the ECRL project which prioritizes a local workforce. We also encourage *Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia* (SKM) and *Sijil Kompetensi Kemahiran* (SKK) certificate holders in the construction field to apply," the statement added.



MRL Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Haji Darwis Abdul Razak said Malaysians in particular those with interest in the construction or railway industry could leverage on the recruitment roadshow to develop a career with ECRL project, adding that various positions including those for immediate hire would be appealing to fresh graduates, unemployed graduates or certificate holders among others.

“We will use various platforms including social media channels to reach out to professionals, skilled workers, and general workers in Malaysia to join the ECRL project that would enable them to embrace the most efficient construction methods and the latest rail technology from China,” he pointed out.

With the recruitment roadshow encompassing cities and towns, Darwis said the ECRL project is optimistic to employ the optimum number of Malaysians that would help facilitate the completion of its rail network by end-2026, noting that some 70 percent of the 23,000 workers have been designated for Malaysians.

“This recruitment roadshow provides an avenue for local talents to truly understand the ECRL project’s scale and the vast job opportunities it presents. The ECRL project is set to create more jobs for the local community during project construction phase, and an additional 4,000 jobs during its operation and maintenance phase,” said China Communications Construction (ECRL) Sdn Bhd (CCC-ECRL).

The company added: “Among our flagship initiative in developing and upskilling local talents is through the East Coast Rail Link Industrial Skills Training Programme (PLKI-ECRL), which will be resumed to benefit more than 5,000 talents in railway construction and railway operation and maintenance. We sincerely welcome more talents who have passion for railway work and would like to be part of Malaysia’s game-changing mega-project.”

MRL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Minister of Finance Incorporated (MOF Inc.), is the project and asset owner of the ECRL project while China Communications Construction Company Ltd (CCCC) is the main contractor. Scheduled for completion by December 2026, the ECRL rail network will cut travel time and expected to link Kota Bharu with WP Putrajaya in approximately 4 hours.

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