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A Suprise Visit From Our Old Planner

November 18, 2013



by Minister Khaw Boon Wan

Last month, we had a surprise visitor. Mr Henry Wardlaw of Sydney, through his daughter, telephoned URA for a short visit to our City Gallery. This is no ordinary visitor.

CHANGING

Mr Wardlaw, now 91, headed a United Nations (UN) consultancy team to Singapore which in the late 60s was responsible for drawing up the first Singapore Concept Plan. Changi Airport Terminal One, the PIE and our first MRT lines were first conceptualised in this Concept Plan. This Concept Plan set the foundation of Singapore's physical development for the next 20 years.

Mr Wardlaw was a key player in the UN team.

We were thrilled and took the opportunity to have Mr Wardlaw interact with our young URA planners. Writing in the URA's guestbook, he said:

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Singapore Property Market Cooling Measures

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Paterson Hill? Not the costliest street in S'pore



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Comparing Malaysia, Singapore, Greater KL, Iskandar M'sia and Penang : Rate of Growth



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MAJOR ROADS AND TUNNEL PROJECTS IN PENANG

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Panoramic View of the KL City from the Vantage Point of Southville City



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24 March 2012











24 March 2012 view from Straits Quay








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TITLE

20-year impasse ends

Najib and Lee all smiles after sealing KTMB land deal

By MERGAWATI ZULFAKAR

merga@thestar.com.my 25 MAY 2010

SINGAPORE: Malaysia and Singapore have broken a 20-year impasse on the status of KTM Berhad (KTMB) land in the island republic, with leaders of both countries declaring they could now smile and move their bilateral relationship forward.

Malaysia will move its railway station at Tanjung Pagar to Woodlands. In exchange, three parcels of KTMB land – at Tanjung Pagar, Kranji and Woodlands here - would be jointly developed by a company.

Announcing the deal, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his Singapore counterpart Lee Hsien Loong told a press conference that the Points of Agreement (POA) signed by both countries in 1990 would have "enhanced features" and final details would be hammered out when they met again in a month's time in Malaysia.

Najib said the agreement reached at vesterday's retreat was historical and "we see light at the end of the tunnel.".

"We are both smiling," he said.

Standing beside Najib, Lee said it was an occasion to rejoice.

"Both of us got a good deal. I think both of us are quite happy and it benefits both sides.

In a joint statement issued after the leaders'



Good buddies: Najib and Lee at the press conference in Singapore vesterday.

retreat, they announced that the KTMB station would be relocated to Woodlands by July 1, 2011. Malaysia's customs, immigration and guarantine facilities will also be located there.

A company known as M-S Pte Ltd would be set up by Dec 31, with Khazanah Nasional Berhad holding a 60% stake and Singapore's Temasek Holdings Limited holding 40% to develop six parcels of land totalling 271ha.

Three of the parcels are in Tanjung Pagar, Kranji and Woodlands.

The other three are in Bukit Timah.

The developed KTMB land could in turn be swapped, on the basis of equivalent value for land in Marina South and Ophir Rochor in Singapore.

The leaders also said a rapid transit system (RTS) between Tanjung Puteri in Johor Baru and Singapore would be jointly developed and integrated with public transport services in Johor Baru and Singapore.

The RTS would be operational by 2018.

> Reports by NELSON BENJAMIN, ZAZALI MUSA, EILEEN NG, YEE XIANG YUN and DANIEL KHOO

Malaysia-S'pore high-speed rail link

Mass 'people mover' projects to cut travel time to 90 minutes

SINGAPORE: Malaysia and Singapore

have agreed to build a high-speed rail link between the city state and Kuala Lumpur.

The link will cut travelling time between the two destinations to just 90 minutes, from the hours it now takes by rail and road.

The two countries also agreed on a rapid transit system linking Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit system with Johor Baru.

Both Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his counterpart Lee Hsien Loong described the speed-link project as a "game changer".

"This project will change the way we do business, look at each other and interact," said Najib.

"We hope to meet the 2020 deadline for the project," he told a joint press conference after the annual leaders retreat here.

The two mass "people mover" projects are part of multi-billion ringgit business deals between the two countries.

These include a wellness project at Nusajaya in Johor and a mixed development project between Iskandar Waterfront Holdings Sdn Bhd and the Singapore Government investment arm Temasek in Danga Bay worth RM8.1bil.

Najib said the high-speed rail link would be built via public-private partnership with strong government participation.

"It will be on the basis of private sector funding with the government providing structural support and participation."

Lee said the project would make it faster to travel between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore by rail than by air, including waiting time.

He recalled that Najib mooted the idea of the link at a meeting some months ago and he felt that it was a good idea.

On the rapid transit system, Lee said the two countries had 12 months to decide on whether to build a bridge or an undersea tunnel between the two countries.

Later the two leaders unveiled the Marina One project, which is in the heart of Singapore's new central business district undertaken by M+S Pte Ltd, a company owned 60:40 by Khazanah Holdings Bhd and Temasek.

They were also updated on the integrated development DUO joint venture. The two projects have a gross development value of S\$11bil (RM26.4bil).

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It's a deal: Najib and Lee shaking hands following a press conference in Singapore. - EPA

The leaders lauded the excellent progress in relations between the two countries since the Points of Agreement was settled in 2010.

In a three page statement, they agreed to intensify existing cooperation and explore new ways to leverage on the complementarities between Singapore and Iskandar, just across the island republic.

They agreed among others to look into the feasibility of a third road link between the two countries in the long term, and establishing new ferry terminal and Customs, Immigration and Quarantine facilities at Puteri Harbour in Johor this year.

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There is a Malay proverb that means flowing water cannot be severed (air dicincang tidak akan putus). No other words can better describe the relationship between our two

between our two countries."

China's President Xi Jinping

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Impact of budget on property sector



Real property gains tax at 30% within first 3 years of disposal for all. Companies and non-citizens taxed 5% in 6th and subsequent years



Foreigners can only buy properties priced from RM1mil double the previous minimum of RM500,000

SEB in talks on fuel supply for power plant

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'No dent in Johor housing market'

2PC LEVY: Sentiment may be affected in short term but foreigners will continue to invest in properties, says MIDF

These measures

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Zulkifli Hamzah

MIDF research head

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EW initiatives imposed by both the state and federal governments to cool the housing sector are unlikely to dent

the Johor market, sy analysts. MIDF research head Zulkifli Hamzah said sertiment may be af-

but foreign buyers are still purchasing properties in Johor due to the huge disparity between property prices in their home country's and Malaysia. "We believe the addition it two per cent levy with not affect foreign byyers' investment detisions," Zulkifli told

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in the 2014 Budget, which will require foreigners to pay a 30 per cent tax for properties sold within years of purchase. "We should not over-react to

precautionary measures announ by the government.

"These measures will safegu the long-term sustainability of property market," Zulkifli said.

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The developer nas seven projects in Johor, including Meridin@Medini.

Leong told Business Times that as Meridin@Medini is more upper end as it is located next to Legoland and near

Educity, the new measures will not dampen property sales. He said pricing for the products is

attractive for both local and foreign investors with the Meridin Suites and Meridin Linx iSovo indicatively starting from RM309,000 and RM298,000, respectively. Mercury Scientifics head of re-

answer Edmund Tham said the new measures may deter speculators but foreigners will continue to buy properties in Johor as their second home.

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AT A GLANCE

Changes to financing

	1st housing loan	2nd	3rd onwards	
Loan-To-Value Limits				
Existing rules	80% or 60%*	60% or 40%*	60% or 40%*	
Revised rules	No change	50% or 30%*	40% or 20%*	
Minimum Cash Down Payment				
Existing rules	5% (for LTV of 80%) 10% (for LTV of 60%)	10%	10%	
Revised rules	No change	25%	25%	
Non-Individual Borrowers				
Existing LTV limit	40%	40%	40%	
Revised LTV limit	20%	20%	20%	

*If the loan tenure is more than 30 years or extends past age 65.

Changes to additional buyer's stamp duty

	Rate on 1st purchase	2nd purchase	3rd & subsequen purchase	
Singapore citizens				
Existing	N/A	N/A	3%	
Revised	N/A	7%	10%	
Permanent residents				
Existing	N/A	3%	3%	
Revised	5%	10%	10%	
Foreigners and non-individuals**				
Existing	10%	10%	10%	
Revised	15%	15%	15%	

****Corporate entities**

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of National Development, Monetary Authority of Singapore and Ministry of Trade & Industry

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Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty	1 st Property Purchase		2 nd Property Purchase		3 rd Property Purchase	
	Previous	New	Previous	New	Previous	New
Singapore Citizens	Nil	Nil	Nil	7%	3%	10%
PRs	Nil	5%	3%	10%	3%	10%
Foreigners & Corporate Entitites	10%	15%	10%	15%	10%	15%

Medini gets big tax break Government move likely to provide support to developer's IPO

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has granted a substantial tax break to a zone in a showpiece investment project near Singapore, a move likely to provide crucial support to a US\$800mil (RM2.58bil) initial public offering (IPO) of the area's developer next year.

The Medini area in the southern state of Johor is the only section of the US\$30bil Iskandar Development Region (IDR) to get an exemption from a 30% property gains tax announced in October to cool soaring property prices, government officials said.

The area is being developed by Medini Iskandar Malaysia, a company that is 60% owned by Iskandar Investment, a corporation controlled by sovereign fund Khazanah Nasional Bhd.

Japanese conglomerate Mitsui & Co Ltd and Dubai-based realtor United World Infrastructure each own 20%.

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"Medini in 2006 and 2007 was a sparsely populated area and not a preferred investment location," Datuk Ismail Ibrahim, chief executive of the Iskandar Regional Development Authority (Irda), told *Reuters* when asked why the area received an exemption.

"The objective is to provide the catalyst to

drive investments into Medini," he said.

Since its inception in 2006, Medini has been exempt from property gains taxes. Medini Iskandar declined to comment about the latest tax exemption. The tax break, however, means the company should be able to attract more funds into the Medini area, helping the prospects for its IPO as well as the Government, which is seeking to lure more investors, especially from cash-rich Singapore, into the Iskandar region without inflating a broader property bubble.

"It (the exemption) certainly gives it an edge over others in Iskandar," said a banker involved in Medini Iskandar's IPO, which is excepted to be launched in the first half of 2014.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs and Malayan Banking Bhd have been chosen to manage the planned listing, according to *Thomson Reuters* publication *IFR*.

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