

ALTERNATIVE ROAD A SHORT-CUT FOR KIDURONG FOLK

Bintulu : Kidurong Industrial Area (KINDA), one of the six industrial estates here, will soon have an alternative road that will link it with the main road-Tanjung kidurong Road, that connects the biggest industrial area to the town centre and its surrounding areas. The 1.5 km single-carriage road will shorten the journey from the town and residential areas to the industrial area.

Bintulu development Authority (BDA) general manager Datu Mohidin Ishak said with the completion of the road middle of next year, problems in movement presently encountered by employees of Bintulu Port Berhad, Shell MDS Sdn. Bhd, and other companies which are operating there would be greatly alleviated.

“Before this, there were lots of requests from the public particularly the people working in KINDA fro an alternative and shorter route. The current route is a long journey around the huge industrial area before arriving at their offices, which is waste of time,” he added.

Bearing their plight in mind, BDA had thus since embarked on this alternative road which would serve as a short-cut, he said after the contract signing ceremony with a local-based contractor Juara Bee Tuah Sdn. Bhd. At BDA Auditorium, Wisma Bintulu, yesterday.

The 12-month contract worth RM6.513 million involves earthwork, footpath, drainage, turfing, bridgeworks and piling works. Mohidin also said as the project involves a section of Shell MDS gas pipeline, BDA had planned to build a 29-metre bridge above the pipeline, assuring the international oil and gas multinational that the project would not affect their operation.

In the future, Mohidin said the single-carriage-way could be turned into a double-carriage-way as there are reserved lands if need arises.

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