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DUKE Completion Will Reduce Traffic Congestion

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Completion of the Duta-Ulu Kelang Expressway (DUKE) in March will reduce traffic congestion in Kuala Lumpur by 30 percent, said Konsortium Lebuhraya Utara-Timur Kuala Lumpur Sdn Bhd (Kesturi) managing director Datuk Haris Hussein.

The highway will help disperse traffic to the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur via feeder roads like Jalan Kuching, Jalan Sentul, Jalan Semarak, Jalan Setiawangsa, Jalan 37/56 and Jalan Bandar Dalam.

Haris said Kesturi had allocated RM10 million annually to maintain the highway aimed at ensuring the safety of motorists.

He said despite having capacity to handle 120,000 vehicles daily, only 50,000 are expected to use the highway in the first year paying toll of RM2 starting Feb 8.

Its first phase covering section 2, 3 and part of section 1, linking Duta junction to Jalan Kuching and Greenwood to the Hillview junction, was opened by Works Minister Datuk Mohd Zin Mohamed here Friday.

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