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Locking in the final beam

Latar Expressway expected to open next month

IT TOOK a crew of 100 men and three engineers to put in place the final 90-tonne U-beam measuring 37.9m on the Latar Expressway bridge near Rawang, making it an engineering feat of precision.

The contractors of the 33km Latar Expressway put the last bridge beam in place in minutes across the KL-Rawang trunk road near Templer's Park.

Expressway concessionaire KL-Kuala Selangor Expressway Berhad's (KLESEB) chief executive officer Amran Amir said the final stage of the expressway had been completed and it would be opening in the middle of this year.

The Templer Park Interchange comprises three-tier ramps allowing for a free-flow of traffic in and out of the expressway and the Jalan KL-Rawang route.

There are four ramps at the Templer's Park Interchange making travel easier to Kuala Lumpur and Rawang.

"To ensure the sturdiness of these bridges at the ramps, some of the bored piles go down 17m into the soil and 4m into granite," added Amran.

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Placing the last beam was witnessed by the workers involved with the construction of the RM958mil expressway since 2008.

The expressway, a dual-carriageway linking Templer's Park in Gombak district to Ijok in Kuala Selangor is said to be a faster and safer choice.

The expressway will serve Kuala Selangor, Assam Jawa, Ijok, Batang Berjuntai, Kota Puteri, Puncak Alam, Shah Alam, Bukit Jelutong, Sungai Buloh, Kundang, Rawang and Selangor.

The Malaysian Highway Authority is expected to carry out its inspections on the expressway this month.



Smoother travel: The dual-carriageway links Templer's Park in Gombak district to Ijok in Kuala Selangor.