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## PRESS STATEMENT

### Penang Hill Cable Car Project: Request For Proposal (RFP) Out On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**The Penang State Government**, through Penang Hill Corporation (PHC) will call for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Penang Hill cable car project on 13 January 2021.

Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow, who is also the chairman of PHC said the cable car project will proceed through collaboration with the private sector after the federal government announced in April 2020 that the initial allocation for the project had been cancelled.

“The cable car system is known to the world as an Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) backed by proven data and scientific conclusion. Many national parks, nature reserves and even UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world have successfully implemented the cable car system given its small footprint and environmentally friendly construction methodologies.

“Therefore, apart from the existing funicular services that serve the residents and visitors at Penang Hill, the cable car project is aimed to be an alternative mode of access to help redistribute traffic during peak holiday seasons and at the same time contribute to the tourism industry in the state,” he explained.

The project is expected to take between three to four years to fully complete and be operational.

“The pre-feasibility study of the cable car project has been conducted and a thorough evaluation on the market, social, economic and environmental impact, financial models and viability, alignment options, among others were already completed by a consultant.

“PHC welcomes those who are qualified with proven capabilities and track record to participate in the RFP process,” he said.

Based on the pre-feasibility studies conducted, there are several route options for the cable car project; Taman Botani, Youth Park and Teluk Bahang. There may be a multi-storey carpark to be built at a different location depending on the alignment and location of the lower station. In order to aid traffic and reduce congestion, PHC is also proposing the use of electric vehicles to ferry visitors from the multi-storey carpark to the cable car station.

“With PHC’s application to be recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve through its Man and The Biosphere (MAB) programme, there must be careful planning and forecasting for future developments at Penang Hill.

“The cable car project is not a stand-alone project and plenty of consideration as well as deliberation were done collectively. This clearly signifies the Penang State Government’s commitment towards the Penang State Government’s **Penang2030** vision to become “a family-focused, green and smart state” that inspires the nation,” he explained.

All information on the RFP can be found in the advertisement published in mainstream newspapers. The application is open to registered companies from 13 January until 24 May 2021.

For further enquiries, please email [perolehan@penanghill.gov.my](mailto:perolehan@penanghill.gov.my).

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## About Penang Hill Corporation

Penang Hill Corporation was established in 2009 through an enactment passed by the Penang State Legislative Assembly. Its main focus is to manage the funicular system, maintain and develop Penang Hill as a major ecotourism destination, and its vision is to make Penang Hill the hill resort of choice in Malaysia and the region.

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