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To solve chronic traffic problems, the government of Jakarta, Indonesia, since 2013 has invested in a project to construct an MRT system, scheduled for completion in 2018. This is Indonesia’s first MRT project, and was ranked as among the world’s best infrastructure projects by World Finance Magazine last year.

Jakarta’s MRT system has a total length of 15.7km, including 13 stations. CECI is responsible for detailed design of section CP106, including Bunderan HI station, Dukuh Atas station and two tunnels.

The section is in a crowded downtown area with limited space. Making the design and construction even more challenging, tunnels must be created below rivers and existing train tracks and between many closely packed buildings. CECI chose BIM as a project platform to enhance collaboration and design quality.

Communication and coordination for best decisions
Many stakeholders are involved in the Jakarta MRT project, and there may be communication gaps between professionals. CECI utilises BIM technology to design station access, ventilation and cooling towers. Software such as Autodesk Revit and 3ds Max is used to build 3D models. 3D visualisations have significantly improved communication and coordination between the government and landowners, while using Autodesk Navisworks enables different disciplines to work together. Models from architects, civil engineers, structure engineers, tunnel engineers, mechanical engineers and environmental control engineers have been integrated in Revit, to identify potential design conflicts and resolve them as early as possible.

Alignment data determine the precise location of each station. If locations are along curved sections of track, it is critical to ensure correct clearance between trains and the platform edge for operation and safety. CECI used BIM to consider multiple spatial limitations as well as functional requirements.

“Limited space is one of the main challenges in the Jakarta MRT project, especially since the section is in a central business district,” says Ricky Kurniawan, engineer, CECI. “BIM is a
great tool. Alignment data in Civil 3D can be imported to Revit, to decide on track routes and platform location. This enables us to verify there will be appropriate spaces between trains and platforms, to ensure operations and safety of passengers, including those with physical disabilities."

Shen Chia-Ray, Deputy Manager, PE, Department of Rapid Transit Engineering at CECI, adds: “Although the turnkey contractor in this project uses a 2D design process, it requires high standards of detail and precision. Fortunately, the data could be imported to a BIM model, maximizing technical support and achieving the quality requirements.”

Achieving value engineering

In value engineering studies, smaller stations save building materials, energy consumption and emissions. After deciding on the initial design, CECI introduced BIM technology to simulate station and tunnel works, in order to carry out value engineering as well as to reduce space, materials and construction time.

“With BIM technology, we finished value engineering studies on station deployments and alignment reviews,” says, project engineer Ricky Kurniawan. “Take underground stations Bunderan HI and Dukuh Atas, for example. Cooperation between project architects and engineers reduced the length of Bunderan HI from 439 metres to 429 metres, and Dukuh Atas from 220 metres to 200 metres.” Shen notes that, “In addition to assisting the turnkey contractor with reduce station lengths, BIM also saves costs, time, and unnecessary space. In future, there will be lower electricity bills – achieving a win-win scenario for the turnkey contractor and government.”

Passenger simulation enhances safety

To ensure operational safety, THI Consultants, commissioned by CECI, used data from the BIM model to conduct passenger simulations and analysis. These included potential emergency scenarios, to eliminate some potential failures in the first place, and can also evaluate station deployment and evacuation capabilities. These simulations are especially important given one station has three storeys underground, along with connections to the
existing train station and a future high speed rail station.

“We used station models developed in Revit to simulate various scenarios in the event of emergencies,” says Ir Kurniawan, “Both station planning and passenger flow simulation in the same model can avoid communication gaps.”

CECI fully utilises BIM models in civil engineering projects, finding efficient project management is possible, even in “fast-track” projects such as the Jakarta MRT. Coordination and resource sharing among various disciplines offer the turnkey contractor comprehensive support for construction planning and decision.

“In the CP106 project, BIM ensures efficiency and quality,” says Ir Shen. “This is an important international case for CECI. With value-added services achieved by utilising BIM tools, the Japanese turnkey contractor in Indonesia has recognised CECI as the best design consultant in the Jakarta MRT project. Hence, BIM gives us competitive advantages, and they are willing to pay for our participation in other projects.”
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