

# Southern tunnel completed

**KUALA LUMPUR:** There was literally light at the end of the tunnel when the boring machine, Gemilang, broke through at Taman Desa, signalling the completion of the southern passage of the SMART tunnel.

Workers from MMC-Gamuda, along with officials from the Department of Drainage and Irrigation, as well as the Malaysian Highway Authority, cheered when Gemilang broke the diaphragm wall at 6.38pm, spurting water.

The 25 men, who emerged from the

12.8m high Gemilang after seven hours of digging underground, received loud applause.

Although there was a two-day delay, the completed 4km southern tip is still a month ahead of schedule.

Work on the northern section, measuring about 6km, is expected to finish by end of the year.

The Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel, or SMART, is a project initiated by the Federal Government to solve flood woes in the city.



An excavator clearing the way to let workers out of the boring machine at Taman Desa.