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KUALA LUMPUR: Sunway Construction Bhd has clinched a highway project worth RM508mil from the National Highways Authority of India in Tamil Nadu via a consortium formed by its subsidiary Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd and RNS Infrastructure Ltd.

In a press release issued yesterday, the group said the project comprises developing a new road and widening existing road to four lanes on a 36.75km highway stretch in India.

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"Upon completion, motorists can avoid Krishnagiri to reach Hosur or Bengaluru and the new route passing through Rajakottai and Palacode will be shorter by 25km," it added.

The project is expected to commence work in Oct 2020, while the construction period for the project is two years.

Sunway Construction added that the project won also included a 15-year operations and maintenance contract, which will bring about an additional RM4mil per year.

Sunway Construction Group managing director Chung Soo Kiong said this is the first overseas project won by the group for this year, adding that this is part of its plan for geographical diversification in Asean region and India.

Meanwhile, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials noted that the project will also boost economic activity in Rayakottai and Palacode and improve the infrastructure and roadworks in India.