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Sarawak Metro sends team for latest industrial attachment to Changsha

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) has sent yet another group of staff members to China on Monday (6 July 2026) for an industrial attachment as part of its Socio-Economic Enhancement Development (SEED) Programme.

According to Sarawak Metro Chief Executive Officer Ts. Mazli Mustaffa, this latest industrial attachment to CRRC Times Hunan, Signal & Communication Co Ltd in the city of Changsha in Hunan Province, reflects the company's continued commitment in sending more young engineers to China to gain first-hand experience and acquire specialised knowledge in signalling and control systems.

"These young engineers will be responsible for managing the signalling and control systems when the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project enters its operational phase in the near future," Mazli said.

"As with the previous industrial attachments, this latest one will offer good exposure for them to learn directly from the manufacturer and our foreign partners," he said, adding that the most recent industrial attachment organised under Sarawak Metro's SEED Programme was in April and May, where the participants spent a month at the Sichuan CRRC SDIG Rail Transit Co Ltd's plant in Yibin, located in Sichuan Province.

Mazli also thanked EPR Mobilus GR JV Sdn Bhd (EMGJV), the System Package 1 contractor for the KUTS Project, for its continued support in facilitating the industrial attachments under the SEED Programme.

For this latest industrial attachment, five staff members, comprising four engineers and one executive, departed for Changsha on 6 July for the attachment programme, which will run for a month until 7 August.

They are System Engineer Nur Nafisa Binti Abdullah; Syammil Bin Mohd Ishak (Project Engineer); Farid Hamizan Bin Roslan (Project Engineer – Signalling, Train Control and Automatic Platform Gate); Mohamad Ariffin Bin Mohamad Ali Rahman (Operations Control Centre executive); and Afiqah Binti Mohammed Yunus (Signalling and Communications System engineer).

The industrial attachment marks another milestone in Sarawak Metro's ongoing efforts to develop young engineers and staff, facilitate knowledge and technology transfer to local talent, and groom the next generation of leaders for the public transport industry.

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The initiative also provides participants with valuable hands-on experience, strengthens their technical competencies, and deepens their understanding of engineering workflows, including documentation and quality assurance practices.

Mazli added that Sarawak Metro has always recognised the importance of fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation.

Since the introduction of the attachment initiative under the SEED Programme in 2022, numerous batches of staff and young talents have been sent to China for industrial attachments.

Sarawak Metro remains committed to continuing this initiative as part of its efforts to build a highly skilled and professional workforce to strengthen the public transport industry.

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Picture and caption:



Sarawak Metro's Director of Corporate Communications, SEED and Bumiputera Relations, Alexius Barieng (3rd right) as well as other representatives from Sarawak Metro and contractors sending off the industrial attachment participants at Kuching International Airport.

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About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a State-owned enterprise, has been entrusted by the Sarawak Government to modernise public transport through the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

Sarawak Metro is the implementer, operator and maintainer of the KUTS project.

The project is being developed in phases, and Phase 1 includes the development of three lines: the Blue Line from Rembus in Kota Samarahan to Hikmah Exchange in the city centre; the Red Line, from Kuching Sentral to Pending; and the Green Line, from Pending to Damai.

The backbone of the KUTS project is the introduction of the zero-emission Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) hydrogen vehicles.

The ART vehicles will be operated on dedicated lanes, meaning they will not share the lane with other road users. The ART hydrogen vehicles will run on rubber tires, and hence the dedicated lanes will be trackless. The lanes will mostly be at-grade (road level) while certain sections of the alignment will be elevated.

The ART operation will be supported by a network of feeder buses, which will also consist of hydrogen-powered vehicles to offer the 'first mile and last mile' connectivity for commuters.

The move to use hydrogen is in line with the Sarawak Government's aspirations to advance the hydrogen economy and to decarbonise public transport in Sarawak.

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