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Sarawak Metro awards contract for mobile hydrogen refuelling station

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd has awarded the contract to supply a mobile hydrogen refuelling station to a joint venture company.

The contract, which was awarded to the joint venture company of CRRC MRT Holdings Group Co Ltd and Urban Empire Builders Sdn Bhd, involves the design, supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of a mobile hydrogen refuelling station for the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

A total of seven submissions were received by Sarawak Metro at the tender closing for this contract package on 1 November, last year.

The letter of acceptance for the RM9.74 million contract was signed today at Sarawak Metro's corporate office.

Representing Sarawak Metro at the signing ceremony was its Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa, while the joint venture company was represented by CRRC MRT Holdings Group General Manager, Zhao JunKui and Urban Empire Builders Director, Ts. Mike Chin Yuan Tai.

In his opening remarks during the signing ceremony, Mazli highlighted the importance of having the mobile hydrogen refuelling station ready in time for the start of the KUTS' operations in the fourth quarter of next year.

"Alongside the hydrogen production plant and refuelling station at our depot in Rembus, Kota Samarahan, we fully expect our contractor to have the mobile hydrogen refuelling station ready, to enhance the flexibility of refuelling during the operation of both our Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) vehicles and feeder buses," he said.

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Mazli (2nd right) and Chin with the letter of acceptance, as Zhao (left) and KUTS Project Director Zafrin Zakariah look on



Zhao (left) and Chin at the signing ceremony

About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), 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, which is under the purview of the Ministry of Transport Sarawak.

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.

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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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