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Sarawak Metro staff and apprentices head for industrial attachments

KUCHING: In another milestone for Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a team of its staff and apprentices have been sent for an attachment programme with a rail industry player.

The move is an initiative to create a pool of skilled manpower to manage the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS).

Two Sarawak Metro engineers and two apprentices are now on a two-month attachment with Global Rail Sdn Bhd in Selangor.

Both Muhammad Azri Abdul Wahed and Syammil Mohd Ishak will be attached with the Signalling and Control System Department while Qhalief Sapawi and Nur Nafisa Abdullah will be attached with the Automated Platform Gate Department.

All four left for Kuala Lumpur this morning and are scheduled to complete their attachment in October.

Muhammad Azri and Qhalief are System Assurance & Requirements engineers, while Syammil is a senior apprentice for Signalling & Communication System and Nur Nafisa is an apprentice for Automated Platform Gate.

After completing their attachment with Global Rail, all four will be making their way to China to continue with their attachment programme there.

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The attachment programme comes under Sarawak Metro's Socio-Economic Enhancement Development (SEED) programme, a first for a mega project in Sarawak, to enhance the procurement value of the KUTS project.

The move is to create a pool of skilled manpower to manage Sarawak's modern public transportation endeavour for the future.

Sarawak Metro, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), has been entrusted by the Sarawak Government to modernise public transportation through the KUTS project.

The project, aimed to ease traffic congestion, 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.

Phase 1 of the KUTS Project is scheduled to start operations from the fourth quarter of 2025.

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

The ART vehicles will be powered by hydrogen fuel cells and will be operated on dedicated lanes, which means they will not share the road with other road users.

The ART hydrogen vehicles will run on rubber tyres and hence the dedicated lanes will be trackless.

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The lanes will either be at-grade (road level) or elevated.

The ART operation will be supported by a feeder bus network, which will also use hydrogen-powered vehicles to offer the ‘first mile and last mile’ connectivity for commuters.

The move to use hydrogen is in support of the Sarawak Government’s aspirations to advance the hydrogen economy and to decarbonise public transport in Sarawak.

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ALL SET...(from 4th left) Qhalief, Nur Nafisa, Syammil and Muhammad Azri posing for a group photograph with Sarawak Metro’s senior management before their flight to Kuala Lumpur.

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