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Sarawak Metro provides advanced Mandarin classes for its staff

KUCHING: Following the successful completion of its ‘Mandarin Class for Beginners’ last year, Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd has recently continued the initiative with a more advanced ‘Technical Mandarin’ course that aims to enhance its staff’s communication skills.

The ‘Technical Mandarin’ course serves to further improve staff proficiency in Mandarin particularly for better communication with the manufacturers of the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) vehicles in China.

This year, Sarawak Metro is once again organising the language course in collaboration with the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project’s system package 1 contractor – EPR Mobilus GR JV Sdn Bhd (EMGJV) – together with Universiti Malaysia Sarawak’s Professional Continuous Education Learning Department and Faculty of Education, Language and Communication.

The ‘Technical Mandarin’ course focuses on the operational work environment and incorporates relevant technical terminology, with the objective of strengthening communication skills in situations such as reporting issues, giving instructions, responding to emergencies, allocating tasks, reporting project progress, and participating in meetings conducted in Mandarin.

A total of 40 staff enrolled in this year’s course; undergoing the four-month course, which is scheduled to complete this June.

The course is one of the initiatives for Sarawak Metro’s Socio-Economic Enhancement Development (SEED) Programme, which aims to add greater value to the KUTS project.

Sarawak Metro Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustafa explained that it is encouraging to see the active participation of staff in learning new languages, especially as they are constantly engaging with international counterparts.

“It is always an added advantage to be able to speak more languages, especially when dealing with counterparts from other countries.

“Beyond professional requirements, acquiring a new language enhances individual growth and strengthens our collective organisational capability,” said Mazli.

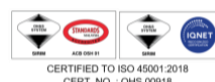
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He also emphasised that Sarawak Metro will continue to support initiatives that enhance employees’ knowledge, skills and capabilities, in line with its commitment in transforming the public transport system through the KUTS project.

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An instructor interacting with participants of the Technical Mandarin course



Participating staff members engrossed in the session during the Technical Mandarin course

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The participants focusing intently during one of the sessions of the Technical Mandarin course

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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