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Sarawak Metro holds environmental awareness talk for primary school pupils

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd recently held an environmental awareness talk for primary school pupils, as part of its continuous efforts to create greater awareness on green mobility.

A total of 150 pupils from Tunku Putra-HELP School Kuching attended the one-hour the talk, where they learned about sustainable energy sources and the use of hydrogen technology.

The session also provided the pupils with an introduction to Sarawak Metro's ongoing construction activities near the school, as well as the significance of hydrogen energy and green mobility technologies being adopted by the company.

One of the ART stations, The NorthBank IBRACO station, is being constructed near the NorthBank commercial area near Tunku Putra-HELP School.

Commenting on the programme, Sarawak Metro's Protem Committee Chairman Bibi Waheeda Arman Khan said the initiative aimed to educate the younger generation about green mobility, hydrogen energy and environmental consciousness.

"The younger generation is more technology-savvy, as they are growing up in an increasingly modern world.

"As the leaders of the future, we at Sarawak Metro believe their curiosity will encourage them to learn more about green technologies and how these technologies can contribute towards reducing pollution and creating a better tomorrow," said Bibi.

She added that through the environmental awareness talk, Sarawak Metro hoped that the pupils will gain a better understanding of the KUTS project, as well as the importance of sustainable public transportation in supporting a greener future.

The environmental awareness talk with Tunku Putra-HELP School is among the approaches taken by Sarawak Metro to reach out to the masses in inculcating greater understanding of hydrogen technology in its Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

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Photos and captions:

1. ALL EARS…The pupils listening attentively to the talk

2. INTERACTIVE SESSION…The pupils actively participating in the quiz session

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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 Pendington; and the Green Line, from Pendington to Yayasan Sarawak in Petra Jaya.

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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