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Sarawak Metro becomes State-Owned Enterprise under SFS

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) enters a new chapter at the start of the year following its transition into a State-Owned Enterprise (SOE) – wholly-owned by the Sarawak State Financial Secretary (SFS).

Previously a subsidiary of Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), Sarawak Metro will now operate as an SOE, in line with Sarawak’s strategic restructuring initiative.

Sarawak Metro’s Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa described the move as a strategic decision by the Sarawak Government to better align and streamline its corporate governance and development strategies.

“This marks an exciting phase for Sarawak Metro but also brings greater responsibilities, with more deliverables to be achieved this year and in the years ahead,” he said.

“Sarawak Metro remains committed to transform the public transport sector in Kuching,” he added.

Mazli noted that this year will be particularly challenging, as the company is currently undertaking major infrastructure works for the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project, with the first stage of the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) operations set to commence by the end of 2026.

Construction of the ART lines commenced two years ago starting with the Blue Line and followed by works on the Red Line. These two lines will consist of the stations and the dedicated lanes for the ART network.

Alongside the construction of ART lines, Sarawak Metro is also constructing the ART depot for KUTS, located at Rembus in Kota Samarahan.

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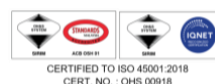
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File photo of Mazli (3rd right) with Minister for Transport Sarawak Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin during a visit to the construction site of the ART Interchange Station at Simpang Tiga



File photo of Minister for Transport Sarawak Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin (6th right) and officials from Ministry of Transport Sarawak and Sarawak Metro during a visit to the Blue Line ART guideway construction site in Kota Samarahan

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About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a State-owned enterprise wholly-owned by the Sarawak State Financial Secretary, 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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