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Sarawak Metro participates in world's largest rail transport industry trade fair

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd recently participated as an exhibitor at InnoTrans, which is widely considered as the world's largest trade fair focused on the rail transport industry.

InnoTrans 2024, which was held on 24-27 September, is organised every two years at the Messe Berlin exhibition centre, in Berlin, Germany.

Sarawak Metro's participation at InnoTrans 2024, was at the invitation of Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), as part of MATRADE's trade delegation of exhibitors under its 'Astaka Malaysia' or Malaysian Pavilion.

This was also the first time that MATRADE had held such an event for the Malaysian rail transport industry at InnoTrans, and this maiden effort was through its collaboration with Malaysia Rail Industry Corporation (MARIC), of which Sarawak Metro is a member.

According to Sarawak Metro Chief Executive Officer Ts. Mazli Mustaffa, the inclusion of Sarawak Metro as an exhibitor at InnoTrans was a highly significant achievement for the organisation.

"It is indeed a source of pride for us, especially as a Sarawakian company, to take part in this prestigious event, where major industry players from throughout the world are gathered every two years.

"This rare and valuable opportunity, which we were honoured to receive from MATRADE and MARIC, allowed us not only to share the story of Sarawak's public transport transformation but also created other opportunities, where we were able to talk about potential advisory and consultancy services for other operators in cities with public transport needs similar to Kuching's," said Mazli.

The organisers have acknowledged this year's event as "the largest and most international InnoTrans since it was founded in 1996."

Some of the milestones for this year's InnoTrans included 2,940 exhibitors from 59 countries as well as record high of around 170,000 visitors from 133 countries.

In total, 42 exhibition halls were filled along with 133 vehicles and exhibits on the Outdoor Display and track area as well as 11 buses in the Bus Display.

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This year's event also witnessed 226 world debuts and more than 1,200 guests from all over the world at the official Opening Ceremony of InnoTrans 2024.

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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.

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.

Construction of the first package for the Blue Line is expected to complete by the fourth quarter of 2025 and all three lines are scheduled to be fully completed by the end of 2027.

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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Mazli (2nd right) presenting a memento to the Raja Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail during His Royal Highness' visit to Sarawak Metro's booth at Astaka Malaysia on the first day of InnoTrans 2024

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