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Sarawak Metro collaborates with contractors to organise road safety awareness campaign

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) continues its commitment in promoting road safety culture with Road Safety Awareness Campaign and this time the campaign was near the Rembus Depot along the Blue Line alignment.

The campaign, organised yesterday in collaboration with the contractor for the construction of Rembus Depot, AIU JV, the joint venture company comprised of Azam Sehasrat Sdn Bhd, IJM Construction Sdn Bhd and Unique Deco Sdn Bhd aims to raise greater awareness of road safety practices among road users and construction workers in and around the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project area.

The campaign was supported by Road Transport Department (JPJ), Public Works Department (JKR) Samarahan Division, Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak, Kota Samarahan Municipal Council (MPKS), Samarahan District Office, IPD Samarahan and Samarahan Division Resident Office.

The campaign emphasises the importance of adhering to traffic rules, safety guidelines and signages, particularly near construction sites.

Sarawak Metro Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa highlighted Sarawak Metro's ongoing efforts to enhance road safety practices as the KUTS project progresses.

"Sarawak Metro will continue to promote safety habits among road users, particularly those traveling along our KUTS project alignment," he said, reiterating on he importance of observing traffic rules and all the road safety signages and measures put in place near the construction sites.

"We are doubling our efforts to create greater road safety awareness as we now go into full swing in implementing the project in Kuching and Kota Samarahan. Today's campaign is organised with our contractor for the construction of the Rembus Depot and we are grateful for the support and commitment of our contractor and related agencies in promoting a road safety culture," he added.

The campaign is part of Sarawak Metro's larger strategy to ensure the safety of all road users, with a focus on creating safer practices among motorists, pedestrians and construction workers involved in the project. Road users were given goodie bags containing safety pamphlets and safety vests as a reminder of the importance of adhering to road safety guidelines.

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He expressed his appreciation to the contractors and all agencies involved for their collaboration and support in making the campaign a success.

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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 has been entrusted to implement, operate and maintain 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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CEO, Mazli Mustaffa helps a motorist put on a safety vest during the road safety campaign.



Road user received goodie bag containing safety pamphlets, serving as reminders to adhere to road safety guidelines.



Road safety campaign committee members and representatives from various agencies posed for a group photo after the event.

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