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Sarawak Metro Collaborate with Contractors to Organise Road Safety Awareness Campaign Along Red Line Alignment

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) continues its Road Safety Awareness Campaign to promote safer road habits, particularly among road users along its Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project alignment.

The latest campaign was held along the Red Line alignment at Jalan Lapangan Terbang, which had already started with the construction work. The campaign was organised in collaboration with the Red Line contractor, SJCJV —a joint venture between Sri Datai Construction (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, JT JV Builders Sdn Bhd and CHEC Construction (M) Sdn Bhd.

This campaign was also supported by the Royal Malaysian Police, Road Transport Department, Public Works Department (JKR) Kuching, Kuching South City Council (MBKS), Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak and the office of Federal Secretary, Sarawak.

The campaign aims to raise public awareness about road safety during the construction of the KUTS project, focusing on promoting safer practices among motorists, pedestrians and construction workers involved in the project.

“Our priority is to ensure the safety of all road users, especially as construction work progresses,” said Sarawak Metro Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa.

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“We all have a role to play in ensuring road safety, and it is essential for everyone to adhere to traffic rules, signages and instructions, particularly near construction sites,” he added, expressing his gratitude to SJCJV for their support and commitment to the campaign.

As part of the campaign, road users received goodie bags containing safety pamphlets and safety vests, reinforcing the importance of adhering to road safety guidelines to avoid any untoward incidents.

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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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Photos and Captions:



CEO, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa assists the motorcyclists with putting on a safety vest.



Sarawak Metro, in collaboration with the Red Line contractor, posed for a group photo with officers from JPJ, JKR, ILP, MBKS, SEDC, DOSH and SUPS after the campaign.



During the pamphlet distribution, ongoing construction progress along the Red Line alignment was explained and drivers were advised to drive safe.

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