

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Fatal accident at construction site involving foreign worker

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro confirms that a construction worker was fatally injured after falling from the top of a 14-metre structure here, this morning.

The incident occurred when the victim, a Nepalese national, was installing deck slabs at the construction site located near the Simpang Tiga area at around 8.30 am.

Immediately after the incident, the victim was sent to the nearest hospital where he succumbed to his injuries shortly upon arrival.

Sarawak Metro and its contractor is working closely to investigate the root cause of the incident with Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM).

Sarawak Metro issued a stop work order to the contractor for the construction site concerned.

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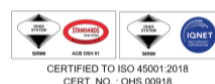
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About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

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