

Hydrogen ART to be first in the world

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KUCHING: Sarawak is in position to have the first ever hydrogen-powered Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) in the whole world.

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd Corporate Communications, SEED programmes and Bumiputera relations director Alexis Barieng said physical work on the transportation system project

is expected to commence by September this year.

"The first ride of ART will probably happen by the fourth quarter of 2025. However, we are still expecting to finish the whole project by 2027," he said during the first media appreciation night hosted by Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd at the Grand Margherita Hotel.

As it will be the first one in the whole world, he expressed that it will be truly something to be proud of.

"Not only in terms of the

technical advancement but we believe that this will be beneficial for the Kuching folk in terms of improving our transport system.

"Nevertheless, in two weeks' time, I can assure you that there will be a big announcement from Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg in regards to our project. We will keep you posted on that," he said.

The special event was attended by over 60 media practitioners from various media organisations in Sarawak.



ALEXIUS (left) mingles with media members at the Sarawak Metro right with Media at Grand Margherita hotel, Kuching. Photo: Mohd Alf Noor



THE distribution of cash under BKSS R.0 and BKSS R.0 to eligible hawkers and petty traders at MBKS Lobby.

139 traders gets BKSS cash assistance

KUCHING: A total of 139 hawkers and petty traders under the Kuching South City Council (MBKS) received their Sarawakku Sayang Special Assistance (BKSS) cash aid last Friday.

MBKS mayor Datuk Wee Hong Seng handed over cash of RM1,000 under BKSS R.0 to 135 recipients and RM1,500 under BKSS R.0 to four recipients.

He said the cash presentation was made by the council as the recipients had not received the aid due to not having an S Pay Global or personal bank account.

"The Ministry of Public Health, Housing, and Local Government channeled the said aid to MBKS for distribution to eligible

recipients under our jurisdiction," he said.

Wee thanked the state government for allocating continuous aid to hawkers and petty traders since the pandemic.

He said the aid would lessen the burden of the recipients and hoped the recipients will use the money wisely.

"With our current situation, we need to be very responsible with our finances," he said.

At the same time, Wee wished Muslims celebrating Hari Raya Haji on Sunday (July 10) to stay safe and celebrate it responsibly.

"Remember to take care of each other as the COVID-19 virus is still around us," he added.