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Spotlight on KUTS Project at Shanghai urban mass transit conference

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) was given the opportunity to put a spotlight on the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project to an international audience at the recently concluded China International Railway Conference for Intercity & Urban Mass Transit (CIRC) 2024.

During the event, which was held in Shanghai on 4-6 June, Sarawak Metro's Chief Executive Officer Ts. Mazli Mustaffa presented his keynote address entitled "Sarawak Metro – Transforming Public Transport in the Malaysian city of Kuching".

He was among several speakers from Southeast Asia and Europe, some of whom represented organisations in charge of public transport systems operations and maintenance and also transport authorities, who were invited to share their insights at CIRC 2024, which took place in Shanghai on 4-6 June.

During his presentation, Mazli spoke on Sarawak Metro's efforts in adopting a new form of public transportation which is also leading the way in implementing a zero emissions solution that is in line with Sarawak's green hydrogen agenda.

On the sidelines of CIRC 2024, Sarawak Metro was also invited to visit the Shanghai Engineering Research Centre for Driverless Train Control and Railway Intelligent Dispatching Command System.

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This visit provided an invaluable opportunity to learn about the latest technologies and advancements in urban transit, aligning with Sarawak Metro's commitment towards innovation and excellence in public transportation.

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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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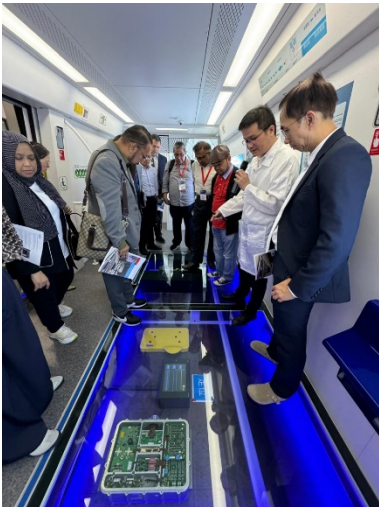
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Photos and Captions:



Ts. Mazli Mustafa delivering his keynote speech CIRC 2024 in Shanghai



Visit to the Shanghai Engineering Research Centre for Driverless Train Control and Railway Intelligent Dispatching Command System, as part of CIRC 2024

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