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### Sarawak Metro's contractor issues LOI to local and Bumiputera companies

**KUCHING:** Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) today witnessed the issuance of Letters of Intent (LOI) to six local Sarawak companies, which also included three Bumiputera companies.

The LOIs were issued by the contractor for System Package 2 of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) Project – DOM-EEB Joint Venture International Sdn Bhd (DOM-EEB JV).

DOM-EEB JV, a collaboration between DOM Industries (M) Sdn Bhd and China Railway Electric Engineering Group Malaysia Sdn Bhd, was awarded the contract for System Package 2 and their contract includes the design, engineering, procurement, delivery, installation, testing, commissioning and handing over of various systems related to Phase 1 of the KUTS Project.

These systems include Telecommunication (Comms), Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Automatic Fare Collection (AFC), Computerised Maintenance Management System (CMMS), Operation Control Centre (OCC) and Information Technology System (ITS).

Sarawak Metro's Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa said the issuance of the LOIs signified the commitment by both Sarawak Metro and its contractors in fulfilling the socio-economic obligations to the local communities in their endeavour to implement the KUTS Project.

"Our efforts here are also in line with our nation's aspiration to ensure Bumiputera companies' 30 per cent participation, especially in projects such as ours," said Mazli, who was on hand to witness

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the presentation of LOIs by DOM-EEB JV to the respective local Sarawak and Bumiputera companies.

“Apart from economic benefits generated, I hope that this greater participation of our local and Bumiputera companies will also allow for the transfer of knowledge and technology to take place, because this in turn, will create a more sustainable supply chain to support the KUTS project,” Mazli added.

Earlier, DOM-EEB JV Director, Vincent Ng said the issuance of the LOIs affirm DOM-EEB JV’s commitment to involve local and Bumiputra companies in implementing the KUTS project.

“Today’s issuance of the LOIs is not only to formalise our intent to collaborate but also establishes the groundwork for a partnership built on communication, cooperation and mutual respect,” said Ng.

The LOIs were issued to three local companies namely Aimstral Sdn Bhd, Impact Business Solutions Sdn Bhd and Standard Tower Sdn Bhd, as well as to three Bumiputera companies – Kalaka Jaya Sdn Bhd, Kyo Sinar Sdn Bhd and Accurate Technics Holding Sdn Bhd.

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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.

**Photos and Captions:**



**THANK YOU:** Mazli (2<sup>nd</sup> right) receiving a memento from Ng, as DOM-EEB JV Director, Chen Jingfei (right) and DOM-EEB JV Project Director, Alex Wong look on.

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Mazli (centre) and Ng (5<sup>th</sup> right) in a group photo with representatives of the local and Bumiputera companies and senior management of Sarawak Metro and DOM-EEB JV

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