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Sarawak Metro kicks off its ‘Green Initiative Campaign’ with tree-planting

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) has embarked on its ‘Green Initiative Campaign’, to further enhance its efforts in environmental conservation.

The campaign, which kicked off with a tree planting activity in Pending today, was organised with the support of the Council of the City of Kuching South (MBKS).

The tree planting activity was also a collaborative effort between Sarawak Metro and its contractor for the Red Line package of Phase 1 of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project - a joint venture company consisting of Sri Datai Construction (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, JT JV Builders Sdn Bhd and CHEC Construction (M) Sdn Bhd.

Kuching South Mayor, Dato Wee Hong Seng commended Sarawak Metro for its efforts and looked forward to seeing more of such initiatives from the company in the future.

“As our city grows and becomes more vibrant, one of the major challenges is of course to make sure that we make Kuching as liveable as possible.

“As such, we have to always enhance the quality of life for the people of Kuching and on that note what we are doing today can go a long way towards achieving our aspirations for a healthier and greener city,” said the mayor, while officiating at the event.

He also lauded Sarawak Metro for working closely with MBKS in implementing this campaign and looked forward to seeing more of such initiatives in the future.

“I hope this campaign will have a meaningful impact on the people living in the MBKS area, especially throughout the alignment of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.”

According to Sarawak Metro Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustafa, through activities such as tree planting, the company hoped to create more green areas, which also serves to enhance the landscape in the city.

“While implementing this noble KUTS project, we are also inspired to ensure that the environment is being conserved and preserved for everyone to enjoy.

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“This greening initiative is a big task but we are committed to contribute in our small way, to make a difference,” said Mazli.

He explained that the Green Initiative Campaign was also part of Sarawak Metro’s endeavour to beautify the landscape along the KUTS project alignment, towards enhancing the social well-being of the communities it serves.

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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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GREEN INITIATIVE... Wee (3rd from left) together with representatives from Sarawak Metro, Sri Datai Construction (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, JT JV Builders Sdn Bhd and CHEC Construction (M) Sdn Bhd planting the first tree to mark the start of the Green Initiative Campaign

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