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Sarawak Metro visits offices of MACC and UNIONS

KUCHING: Representatives from Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd yesterday visited the offices of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and Sarawak Integrity and Ombudsman Unit (UNIONS).

The visit served as a follow up to Sarawak Metro's invitation to these two agencies to witness its upcoming audit by the National Audit Department Malaysia.

The initiative to invite the two agencies is in line with Sarawak Metro's stance on welcoming the efforts of all relevant government authorities and agencies in conducting audits on the company's current processes, towards enhancing its standards and level of governance in line with its zero-tolerance policy against any form of corruption.

Sarawak Metro was informed of the National Audit Department Malaysia's intention to conduct an audit on the company on 7 November 2024.

The audit is expected to begin in mid-December 2024.

Meanwhile, at the moment, Sarawak Metro is also currently in the process of attaining the Anti Bribery Management System (ABMS) ISO 37001:2016 certification, and just recently completed the Stage 2 Certification Audit for its ABMS.

This is just one of its latest initiatives and commitment in upholding the best governance practises whilst employing the highest ethical standards.

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Photo: A representative from UNIONS (centre) receives the invitation letter

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 has been entrusted to implement, operate and maintain 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.

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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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