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Perak State Government delegation briefed on Sarawak Metro's KUTS Project

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd recently had the opportunity to showcase the development of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project to a delegation from the Perak state government.

Leading the delegation was The Honourable Loh Sze Yee, Perak Executive Council (EXCO) Member for Tourism, Industry, Investment and Corridor Development.

The delegation was briefed on Sarawak Metro's implementation of the KUTS project during their courtesy visit to Minister for Transport, Sarawak, The Honourable Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin, at the latter's office.

During the courtesy visit, the delegation expressed its interest in learning more about the initiative to decarbonise public transport in Sarawak, especially through the KUTS project.

The delegation, which also included members of Invest Perak, also had the opportunity to visit the Kuching ART Assembly Facility (KAAF) at Demak Laut.

While at KAAF, the delegation had the opportunity to ride on the prototype unit of the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) vehicle.

During the ride, the visitors were briefed on Sarawak Metro's plans to have a majority of the zero-emission hydrogen-powered ART vehicles locally assembled in Kuching.

The facility is operated by the KUTS project's System Package 1 contractor – the joint venture company comprised of EPR Sdn Bhd, Mobilus Sdn Bhd and Global Rail Sdn Bhd.

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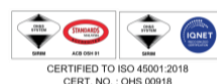
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Photos and Captions:



Members of the delegation during the ride on the ART prototype vehicle



The Honourable Loh Sze Yee (right) being briefed during his ride on the ART prototype vehicle



The Honourable Loh Sze Yee (5th right) receiving a memento at the ART assembly facility

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About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a State-owned enterprise, wholly-owned by the Sarawak State Financial Secretary, 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.

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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