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Sarawak Metro commemorates World Public Transport Day

KUCHING: In conjunction with the inaugural World Public Transport Day, Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) joins the global community in commemorating the vital role of public transport in connecting people, supporting economic growth, and advancing sustainable development.

According to Sarawak Metro Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa, World Public Transport Day is a timely reminder of the essential role public transportation plays in shaping sustainable and connected communities.

“At Sarawak Metro, we are proud to contribute to this global movement by developing a modern, green, sustainable and efficient public transport system powered by hydrogen energy.

“Our goal is not only to improve mobility, but also to enhance quality of life and support Sarawak’s long-term environmental and economic aspirations,” said Mazli.

He also pointed out that as a proud member of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), Sarawak Metro reaffirms its commitment to promoting greater awareness of the importance of public transportation in building liveable and future-ready cities.

And as cities worldwide face increasing urbanisation and rising numbers of vehicles on the road, the need for efficient, reliable, and environmentally friendly public transport systems has become critical.

Through the development of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project, Sarawak Metro is spearheading a transformative shift in urban mobility in Sarawak.

Designed to reduce traffic congestion and improve connectivity, KUTS reflects the Sarawak Government’s broader vision of embracing green mobility and accelerating the transition towards a hydrogen-based economy.

Aligned with the Sarawak Government’s Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030), the KUTS project underscores Sarawak’s aspiration to become a developed and high-income state by 2030, driven by innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

The utilisation of hydrogen-powered Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) vehicles and supported by the feeder bus services, further positions Sarawak as a leader in adopting clean energy solutions for public transport in the region.

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The feeder buses, also zero-emission hydrogen powered vehicles, will provide the first- and last-mile connectivity for future commuters.

UITP announced World Public Transport Day at the launch of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport in New York on 11 December 2025; marking a brand new annual global celebration that highlights the essential role that public transport plays in people’s lives and in cities.

World Public Transport Day aims to showcase how public transport moves people and societies, connecting them to jobs, education, culture, sports, and countless daily opportunities.

Through UITP’s global membership of 2,000 members across 100 countries, it aims to bring the message to life on metros, buses, trams, stations, and digital platforms worldwide.

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Mazli (centre) and other representatives from Sarawak Metro during his visit to China earlier this month, in front of the two sets of ART hydrogen vehicles that are scheduled to be delivered to Kuching in the next couple of months

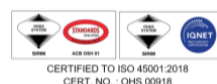
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About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a State-owned enterprise, 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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