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Sarawak Metro inks MoU towards enhancing accessibility at ART station

KUCHING – Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IJM Land Berhad and Liang Court Wanisara (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd for the construction of a linkway to one of the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) stations along the Blue Line of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS).

The ART station in question is SM05, located near the Sarawak Heart Centre in Kota Samarahan.

The linkway will connect a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) to be built nearby.

The MoU includes looking into a proposal for the construction of an overhead connector, directly linking the station, as well as a proposal for the development of a 'Walking and Cycling Plan' (WCP) and smart mobility solutions, such as an e-bicycle system.

The MoU was signed between Ts. Mazli Mustaffa, Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Metro, Datuk Wong Tuck Wai, CEO of IJM Land and Tan Chong Ing @ Tan Chong Ling, Director of Liang Court Wanisara (Sarawak) and witnessed by Datu Haji Abdul Hadi bin Datuk Haji Abdul Kadir, Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) General Manager and Puan Hajah Rakayah Hamdan, SEDC Deputy General Manager.

"The linkway will provide connectivity and accessibility for the surrounding community and facilitate the integration of the KUTS project with the developments in the area," said Mazli, at the MoU signing ceremony, which was held at Menara SEDC, here.

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“This collaboration aligns with Sarawak Metro's goal of promoting sustainable urban growth through TOD and smart mobility solutions. It also aims to increase the economic spin-offs for the local community and deliver social benefits through the KUTS project.”

"We encourage more private sector involvement to work together on innovative solutions that will create a positive impact on our future modern public transport system," said Mazli, who also emphasised the importance of private sector partnerships in advancing the KUTS project.

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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.

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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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MoU sealed... Sarawak Metro CEO, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa (front row, 4th left), IJM Land CEO, Datuk Wong Tuck Wai (front row, 3rd left) and Liang Court Wanisara (Sarawak) Director, Tan Chong Ing @ Tan Chong Ling (front row, 4th right) at the signing ceremony, witnessed by SEDC General Manager Datu Haji Abdul Hadi bin Datuk Haji Abdul Kadir (front row, 5th left) and SEDC Deputy General Manager Puan Hajah Rakayah Hamdan (front row, 5th right)

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