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Sarawak Metro Apprentices Successfully Complete 3-day Industrial Competency Development Programme (ICDP)

KUCHING: Twenty of Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd’s apprentices successfully completed the Industrial Competency Development Programme (ICDP), a three-day intensive training on railway systems.

Held from 23 to 25 September 2024, the training was organised by System Package 2 Contractor - DOM EEB Joint Venture International Sdn Bhd - in collaboration with Malaysia Rail Development Corporation (MRDC) as the training provider.

The ICDP training was to equip Sarawak Metro’s apprentices with crucial knowledge in railway systems.

As part of Sarawak Metro’s Socio-Economic Enhancement Development (SEED) Programme, an initiative under the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project, the ICDP is yet another strategic effort to upskill local talent and support Sarawak’s journey towards modernising the public transport system.

The training was facilitated by Ts. Muslizam Musa, who is also MRDC’s Director of Sustainable Rail & Talent Development and the topics included among others, signalling, operations, power supply, Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) systems as well as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA).

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In addition to the hands-on training, apprentices were assessed on the final day to evaluate their understanding and competency in the subject matter.

This assessment ensures that each participant is fully prepared to meet the operational and maintenance demands of the KUTS Project, emphasising the high standards that Sarawak Metro upholds in ensuring a capable workforce.

“The ICDP was specifically designed to address the technical and operational needs of the KUTS Project, ensuring that our public transport system is managed more efficiently and operates more smoothly,” said Sarawak Metro CEO, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa.

“We are grateful to the organisers for their efforts in delivering such an impactful programme. This initiative is an essential step in building local expertise and ensuring the success of the KUTS project,” added Mazli, who hope to see similar pro-active approaches from contractors in future to ensure the success of the SEED Programme, an initiative introduced by Sarawak Metro to create a pool of skilled manpower for the public transport industry.

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.

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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.

Photos and Captions:



Senior Manager of SEED Programme, Idayati Alek (2nd right) presents a memento to the trainer, Ts. Muslizam Musa and witnessed by Sarawak Metro’s staff..



Group photo following the successful completion of the 3-day Industrial Competency Development Programme (ICDP).

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Sarawak Metro apprentices take a selfie with their trainer to celebrate the end of the programme.

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