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Sarawak Metro wins Project Management Award for Sustainability

KUALA LUMPUR: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd was recently announced as the winner of Project Management Institute (PMI) Malaysia's Project Management Award in the Sustainability Category.

According to PMI Malaysia, the award was in recognition of Sarawak Metro's exemplary leadership and outstanding project management practices, which have set a new standard for excellence in the industry.

Sarawak Metro's Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustaffa accepted the award from PMI Malaysia Chapter President, Dr. Joshua Netto, during PMI Malaysia's 30th anniversary celebration dinner in Kuala Lumpur.

According to Mazli, it was an honour for Sarawak Metro to win the award, as it was an acknowledgement of the organisation's dedication in delivering exceptional results and driving innovation, particularly through the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) Project.

"We are truly honoured to receive this award for the KUTS project, as this achievement is a result of the hard work and dedication of the entire Sarawak Metro team.

"This award is a further motivation for us to remain focused on delivering sustainable public transport solutions for Kuching and setting new standards in the industry," he said.

The Sarawak Metro CEO also highlighted the fact that having a team with several PMI-certified managers and executives has greatly benefited the whole organisation.

"Continuous learning is something that I hold dear and I have always encouraged our team, especially the managers to constantly upgrade their knowledge and skills.

"The Project Management Professional (PMP) certification offered by PMI is one of the ways that I believe they can credibly show their abilities to lead and manage projects and I am proud to see that many in Sarawak Metro have taken up the challenge and obtained this certification," said Mazli.

Established in 1994, the Malaysian Chapter of PMI supports project professionals and innovators throughout the country by hosting various events and providing resources, networking opportunities, and professional development to members.

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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.

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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Dr. Joshua (left) presents the IGNITE Project Management Award 2024 to Mazli, during a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur recently

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