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Sarawak Metro to establish auxiliary police unit

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro marked another important milestone in ensuring the future safety and security of the operations of its Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) with the establishment of its own auxiliary police unit.

This was formalised recently when the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) presented Sarawak Metro with the certificate approving the company's request to set up the unit.

During the simple ceremony held at Sarawak Metro's corporate office, PDRM Sarawak Contingent's Crime Prevention and Community Safety Department Chief, SAC Roselina Daud presented the certificate to Sarawak Metro's Chief Executive Officer, Ts. Mazli Mustafa.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mazli highlighted the significance of the auxiliary police unit in terms of safeguarding the KUTS project's assets and premises as well as beefing up security within the perimeter of the KUTS' alignment.

"The handover of this certificate is a crucial achievement in building a structured, professional, and effective security unit capable of supporting the operation of the KUTS," said Mazli.

He also emphasised that security is the backbone of an efficient and trusted public transport service, noting that the newly established auxiliary police unit will play a vital role in safeguarding the entire KUTS ecosystem.

"Safety is the foundation of efficient and reliable public transport.

"With our auxiliary police unit, we will be able to strengthen security across the entire KUTS ecosystem, such as our operational facilities, depot, stations, and strategic assets, to create a safe environment for passengers, staff, and the local community alike."

Mazli explained that the unit's strength and operational capabilities will be developed in phases to align with the progressive rollout of the KUTS project.

"Sarawak Metro looks forward to continued collaboration with PDRM in training, compliance, and competency development to guarantee the highest safety standards for the public," he added.

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SAC Roselina (centre) presenting the Auxiliary Police Certificate to Mazli

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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