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### Perak's INTAP visits KUTS Project's ART assembly facility

**KUCHING:** A delegation from the Perak State Infrastructure, Energy, Water and Public Transportation Committee (INTAP) recently visited the Kuching ART Assembly Facility (KAAF) here.

Their aim was to gain a deeper understanding of the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) system being developed under the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

The 39-member delegation was led by INTAP Chairman, the Honourable Dato' Seri Ir. Haji Mohammad Nizar bin Jamaluddin.

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd Chief Executive Officer Ts. Mazli Mustaffa was on hand to welcome the members of the delegation and briefed them on the ongoing progress of the KUTS project.

In his briefing, he highlighted the Sarawak Government's initiative to develop a green mobility system under the KUTS project, with the ART serving as the backbone of this modern public transport network.

"The KUTS project reflects Sarawak's commitment to building a modern, cleaner, safer and more efficient public transport system for the future," said Mazli.

"We are pleased to share our progress and learnings with organisations such as INTAP, and we look forward to collaborations that support the advancement of sustainable mobility in Malaysia," he added.

In addition, Mazli said Sarawak Metro remains committed to commencing the first stage of the ART operations by the end of next year.

Among those present during the visit were Ministry of Transport Sarawak Permanent Secretary Datu Wong Hee Sieng, as well as representatives from Sarawak State Financial Secretary's (SFS) Office and the systems package 1 contractor for the KUTS project, the joint venture between EPR (Kuching) Sdn Bhd, Mobilus Sdn Bhd and Global Rail Sdn Bhd (EMG JV).

Following the briefing and discussion session, the delegation had the opportunity to experience a short ride on the prototype ART vehicle at KAAF.

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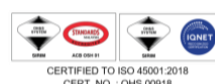
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Photos and captions:



Nizar (2<sup>nd</sup> left) taking a ride on the prototype ART vehicle with Wong (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and Mazli (3<sup>rd</sup> right)



The delegation from INTAP in a group photo at KAAF with representatives from Ministry of Transport Sarawak, SFS Office, Sarawak Metro and EMG JV



Nizar (centre), Wong (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and Mazli (2<sup>nd</sup> left) having a chat after riding the prototype ART vehicle

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Delegates of INTAP taking photos after their ride on the prototype ART vehicle



Mazli (4<sup>th</sup> right) presents a memento to Nizar as Wong (3<sup>rd</sup> right) and others look on



Nizar (2<sup>nd</sup> left) discussing with Mazli (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and Wong (right)

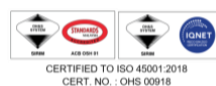
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### About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

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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