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ECRL Project Completes 10 Million Man-hours LTI Free

Dungun, 18 March: The East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) Project has achieved the industry milestone of 10 million safe man-hours without any lost-time injury (LTI), in line with continuous efforts to prioritise the safety and health of its workforce during the construction phase of the 665 km rail alignment.

The 10 million safe man-hours with zero LTI achievement was registered at the end of February 2023, underpinned by the implementation of safe work practices on a 24/7 basis and effective teamwork at all levels of the project.

Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd (MRL), the project owner of the ECRL, and China Communications Construction (ECRL) Sdn Bhd (CCC-ECRL), the Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commissioning (EPCC) contractor of the project, announced the remarkable achievement in conjunction with the launch of the 'ECRL Safety and Health Campaign 2023' at the project's Section 4 casting yard in Dungun today.

The campaign with the theme 'Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow', was jointly officiated by MRL Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Darwis Abdul Razak, CCC-ECRL Managing Director Kong Qi, and the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Director-General Mohd Anuar Embi.

Also present were MRL Project Director Noor Azlan Salleh, CCC-ECRL Deputy Project Director cum Chief Engineer Deng Bo, General Managers of the respective ECRL sections along the alignment, Heads of Departments, and a host of senior officials from DOSH.

ECRL Project has approximately 17,000 manpower currently, consisting of personnel from the project owner, EPCC contractor and its subcontractors.

Dato' Sri Darwis Abdul Razak said the 10 million safe man-hours without LTI accomplishment is the result of a strong commitment by the ECRL's project owner, EPCC contractor, and subcontractors in embracing safety culture and preventing accidents at works sites.

"Our appreciation goes to the ECRL workforce for their hard work, dedication and support in achieving 10 million safe man-hours without LTI. We trust the ECRL project will strive for the highest standards in safety and be on track to achieve yet another milestone in the near future," he noted.

Dato' Sri Darwis also said the timely launch of the 'ECRL Safety and Health Campaign 2023' will further instil safety awareness, identify potential hazards, and enhance workers' confidence, adding that the campaign will complement the rapid construction and growing number of some 350 main work sites along the ECRL alignment to-date.

The ECRL project launched its inaugural safety campaign back in March 2021 and had put in relentless effort in making progressive improvements to its safety management system, which includes the training of over 1,000 personnel through simulation and reactive safety exercises in their centralized Safety Training Centres in Kemaman, Maran and Bentong approved by DOSH. These training centres also provide competency training for workers involving Authorized Entrant and Standby Person for confined spaces.



These training centres are equipped with a state-of-the-art Virtual Reality (VR) simulation with nearly 100 potential hazardous onsite situations and offer real-life experiences such as tunnel evacuation, electric shock, safety helmet crash and retaining wall pushing-over.

Kong Qi, Managing Director of CCC-ECRL said, “Traditionally, workers would have to sit through hour-long briefings on safety training. However, in a realistic VR simulation, they can experience potentially hazardous situations without getting hurt, and benefit from a more interactive and engaging learning experience. This approach has proven to be effective in achieving the zero LTI goal.”

“On behalf of everyone in CCC-ECRL, we would like to thank Dato’ Sri Darwis and MRL for their trust and support as we both hold the common value that the safety of our workers is of utmost importance. The ECRL Safety & Health Campaign 2023 is our continuous commitment to sustain that value in the long run,” added Kong.

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