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Climate Change Conversations Forum Marked a Fruitful Collaboration to develop Malaysia's National Adaptation Plan

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 OCTOBER – The Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC) recently organised the third Climate Change Conversations forum on 6 October at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in conjunction with the 14th International Greentech Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (IGEM).

Themed Race to Net Zero: Leadership in Climate Action, the forum aimed to go beyond creating awareness and urge more organisations to revisit their business operations and sustainability plans. The panel session featured four notable speakers from logistics, energy, government and banking sectors sharing insights on solutions and challenges in implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Jarod Ho Hao Qin from Pos Malaysia Bhd shared their climate change mitigation strategies, such as electrification of its fleet vehicles, utilising renewable energy to reduce building energy consumption, recycling operational waste, adopting sustainable packaging materials, upcycling used packages and installing electric vehicle charging stations at its branches. They hope to achieve a 30% emission reduction in scope 1 and 2 by 2025.

Mohammad Irwan Aman, General Manager Sustainability from Sarawak Energy Bhd disclosed the company's Sustainability Strategy and Roadmap (2022-2025) to decarbonise its grid emission intensity and turn risks into business opportunities. While Government's perspective, Kamisah Mohd Ghazali, Head of Resilient Environment from Iskandar Regional Development Authority shared its Low Carbon Society Blueprint for Iskandar Malaysia 2030 Climate Action Plan, which included strategic climate mitigation and adaptation actions such as its preservation and conservation initiatives and a case study on Segget River Rejuvenation.

Acknowledging the crucial role of financial institutions in climate action, CIMB Bank shared its Integrated Sustainability Roadmap & Commitments and how they embrace climate risk and manage climate impact financing. Their representative, Tan Hong Tat, emphasised that achieving net zero ambitions will require a large-scale transformation of several key sectors, and collaboration is significant.

During the forum, MGTC conducted an online polling to gauge the level of awareness, gather opinion and thought as well as identify initiatives that have been done by organisations. Based on the feedback, 78% of participants claimed their organisations had undertaken climate risk studies, and 70% said climate change would affect their organisation. In comparison, 24% said it won't have as much impact. 91% expressed concern about the threats posed by climate change to their organisations, whereas 9% were less concerned. They indicated the areas to be addressed in the National Adaptation Plan were flood mitigation, food security, access to data, emission reduction, governance, regulation, and responsible consumption.

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The forum was co-organised by Germany's Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and GIZ, a non-profit enterprise of the Federal Republic of Germany, with support from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Climate Change (NRECC) and Media Prima Berhad.

In his speech, German Ambassador to Malaysia, Dr Peter Blomeyer, highlighted, "There are three preconditions for progress, which includes awareness of the problem's dimension, the need for everyone's contribution, and the need to act now. Leaders in politics, administration, universities, schools, and sectors must take action to address this challenge. Cooperation is essential, with Germany and Malaysia collaborating to develop national adaptation strategies. Global solidarity is also necessary, with countries most affected by and least responsible for climate change. Germany stands ready with Malaysia to share knowledge and supply technologies to foster the transition to a sustainable economy."

Ts. Shamsul Bahar Mohd Nor, Group Chief Executive Officer of MGTC, further emphasised, "This forum marks the beginning of developing our national adaptation plan with support from NRECC. Our instrumental partners, BMUV, GIZ and the National Water Research Institute of Malaysia (NAHRIM), will embark on this journey to ensure Malaysia has a holistic and integrated adaptation plan. MGTC will contact relevant stakeholders for engagement in this adaptation planning next year to intensify the education and awareness on understanding climate change adaptation through dialogues, technical workshops, and knowledge sharing."

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About Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC)

MGTC is an agency under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change (NRECC) mandated to accelerate green growth, advance climate action and inculcate green lifestyle.

Guided by the National Green Technology Policy (NGTP), the National Policy on Climate Change (NCCP), the Green Technology Master Plan 2017-2030 (GTMP) and the Twelfth Malaysia Plan, MGTC carries out programmes and initiatives to support stakeholders at all levels.

By 2030, through its various programs and initiatives, MGTC aims to facilitate RM100 billion in green investments, create 230,000 green jobs and help Malaysia achieve its net-zero GHG emissions as early as 2050 target.