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# Sunway Malls launches sustainability learning programmes for retailers

Sunway Malls wants to transform the retail industry to become more sustainable by introducing learning programmes for industry players, and setting up an alliance focused solely on sustainability of the sector.

The company launched the Sustainability Collaboration Alliance Network (SCAN), which is a five-way partnership with the United Nation Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Jeffrey Sachs Centre on Sustainable Development at Sunway University (JSC), Malaysia Retail Association (MRA), and Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA) on Thursday (Aug 24).

Chan Hoi Choy, the chief executive officer of Sunway Shopping Malls and Theme Parks, said an internal survey conducted by Sunway Malls in 2022 revealed that over 50% of their business partners had yet to commence their sustainability journey.

He added, “Only 46.3% are embarking on Sustainable Development Goals through some forms of practices or policies.”

In his speech, Chan emphasised the importance of building awareness, knowledge and technical capability in sustainability, where businesses and stakeholders need to reduce the cost of transition through a multi-party collaboration to see meaningful progress. [READ MORE](#)



# MK Land plans more solar farms after Kerian solar project success

Property developer MK Land Holdings Bhd is planning to have more solar farms in northern Peninsular Malaysia, especially Kedah, following the success of its first renewable energy project, the 10.95 megawatt (MW) large-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in Kerian, Perak.

Solar Citra Sdn Bhd (SCSB) director Kamarulzaman Abu Bakar said the pilot project in Lembah Beriah, Kerian has started supplying solar power to Tenaga Nasional Bhd since June and projects a profit of almost RM400,000 a month.

"Based on the success in Lembah Beriah, SCSB was selected on Aug 8 by the Energy Commission to be a solar energy producer under the Corporate Green Power Programme (GCPP) in Kulim, Kedah.

"SCSB, together with Total Energies Renewables SAS, was awarded a 30 MW quota for a 52-hectare farm, that is three times the size of Lembah Beriah, for operations commencing in 2025," he said at a press conference here today.

SCSB is a wholly owned subsidiary of MK Land Resources Sdn Bhd, which in turn is a unit of MK Land.

Kamarulzaman said this after celebrating MK Land's success in achieving commercial operations for the 10.95 MW plant under the Large-Scale Solar 4 (LSS4) scheme. [READ MORE](#)



# Malaysia eyes UAE's tech, clean energy sectors as free trade talks progress

Malaysia wants deeper economic ties with the UAE, especially in the tech and renewable energy sectors, the Southeast Asian nation's international trade minister said, as the two sides continue their negotiations of a free trade deal.

The UAE and Malaysia agreed to begin talks in May, during a visit to Kuala Lumpur by a UAE ministerial delegation led by Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi.

The terms of reference for the agreement were finalized and signed last month, Malaysia's International Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Zafrul Aziz told Arab News on Thursday.

“The ongoing negotiation for the Malaysia-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement holds immense potential for both nations. By fostering deeper economic integration, the CEPA can unleash a wave of trade and investment opportunities that will propel growth and innovation,” he said.

“Through reduced trade barriers, streamlined regulations and enhanced market access, Malaysian businesses can expand their reach and diversify their revenue streams by tapping into the UAE's thriving sectors such as advanced technology, renewable energy and tourism.” [READ MORE](#)



# Twelve Malaysian projects bag Asean Energy Awards 2023 for sustainable energy practices

A total of 12 Malaysian projects have won the ASEAN Energy Awards (AEA) 2023 for the adoption of sustainable energy practices.

In a statement on Aug 26, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change said the AEA 2023 awards ceremony was held in Bali, Indonesia, on the sidelines of the recently concluded 41st Asean Ministers on Energy Meeting (Amem).

Its minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad led the Malaysian delegation to the 41st Amem.

The AEA is an award aimed at encouraging and recognising greater adoption of sustainable energy practices by both the public and private sectors in Asean member states.

The AEA comprises three categories, which are the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Best Practices Awards, the Renewable Energy Project Awards, and the Clean Coal Awards.

A total of 23 Malaysian projects that won the National Energy Awards (NEA) were submitted for the AEA 2023, of which 12 were declared winners for the AEA under various categories. [READ MORE](#)

