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ESG IN REAL ESTATE



NCT Group Honoured for Leading Low Carbon Industrial Development

NCT Group of Companies has won the Sustainability Champion Award at the Asia Pacific CEO Sustainability Awards 2025. The recognition highlights its achievements in low carbon industrial development, especially through the NCT Smart Industrial Park (NSIP), launched in 2023.

NSIP, Malaysia's first certified Managed Industrial Park, spans over 296 hectares and integrates sustainable design with modern infrastructure. The project recently secured a five-diamond rating under the Low Carbon Cities 2030 Challenge, having cut baseline emissions by over 50 per cent.

Group managing director Datuk Seri Yap Ngan Choy said the award reflects NCT Group's commitment to a sustainable business model. Group executive director Datuk Joe Yap Fook Choy accepted the award on his behalf.

Beyond NSIP, NCT is also advancing other green-certified developments, including the NCT Innosphere in Bukit Kayu Hitam, which obtained the GreenRE Silver Provisional certification earlier this year. [READ MORE](#)

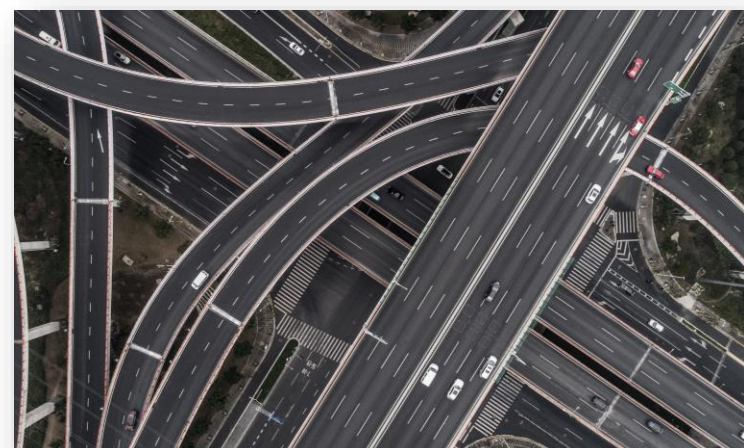


UEM Edgenta Advances ESG Leadership in Road Infrastructure Services

UEM Edgenta's Infrastructure Services (EIS) division remains a key player in Malaysia's road maintenance sector, managing over 9,000 kilometres of roads including the PLUS Highway and state roads. It also supports major infrastructure projects through road construction, traffic management, and runway resurfacing.

Driven by ESG principles, EIS integrates sustainability assessments, safety audits, and strict quality controls in all operations. Its Pavement Research Centre develops green materials like recycled asphalt, while its Road Asset Management System enhances efficiency through data analytics. Automation and safety technologies are being expanded to ensure safe and sustainable operations.

Despite supply challenges and weather-related disruptions, EIS has responded with resilient strategies such as in-house asphalt production and improved flood preparedness. Beyond operations, EIS uplifts local communities through its Vendor Development Programme and job creation in Perak. It is also exporting technical expertise to Indonesia, while pursuing regional growth and long-term ESG-driven excellence. [READ MORE](#)



IOI Properties and RHB Launch Green Financing to Empower Homebuyers

IOI Properties Group has partnered with RHB Banking Group to introduce tailored financing solutions across its residential portfolio, aimed at easing buyer financial burdens and promoting green living. The Home and Renovation Loan offers up to 90% plus 30% financing, with the added margin allocated for renovation expenses disbursed progressively.

In parallel, the RHB Green Residential Property Loan provides up to 95% financing, including entry cost coverage, and an additional 5% for mortgage assurance or takaful. This initiative supports properties certified under Green Building Index, GreenRE, or LEED.

The collaboration is aligned with IOI Properties' sustainability roadmap, designed to encourage green-certified property ownership while reducing carbon emissions through thoughtful, sustainable planning.

RHB reinforces its ESG commitment by offering flexible financial products that meet evolving buyer expectations. As of March 2025, the bank has disbursed over RM2 billion in green financing, further underlining its role in advancing sustainable housing solutions. [READ MORE](#)



MIDA and UNGCMYB Partner to Advance ESG Across Malaysian Industry

The Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and UN Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei (UNGCMYB) have signed an MoU to drive ESG adoption among Malaysian businesses. This strategic partnership aligns with national efforts to build a sustainable, inclusive economy and to meet Net Zero 2050 goals.

By combining MIDA's investment promotion mandate with UNGCMYB's sustainability expertise, the collaboration aims to strengthen ESG awareness and capacity across the private sector. Planned initiatives include conferences, roundtables, and development programmes focused on environmental, social, and governance practices.

MIDA CEO Datuk Sikh Shamsul Ibrahim noted sustainability as vital to future-ready investments, supporting Malaysia's Green Investment Strategy under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. Meanwhile, UNGCMYB Executive Director Faroze Nadar called the partnership a step forward in closing the gap between ESG awareness and implementation. The collaboration will formally launch during the Forward Faster Symposium on 5 June 2025 at MIDA headquarters. [READ MORE](#)



Negeri Sembilan Targets Digital Growth with Strong ESG Infrastructure

Negeri Sembilan is positioning itself as a digital and sustainable hub, supported by adequate water supply for future high-tech developments. Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun confirmed the state's readiness to support projects including data centres and AI facilities.

Two major data-centre investments have been secured — a green facility in Nilai backed by US investors, and an AI-focused centre by Gamuda Bhd in Port Dickson. To sustain this growth, a 67-million-litre-per-day off-river storage water treatment plant is under development by Gamuda and will be managed by Syarikat Air Negeri Sembilan.

Key infrastructure, including water, clean energy, and connectivity, is being planned in advance for areas like Enstek and Techpark. The efforts are aligned with Malaysia Vision Valley 2.0, a long-term plan to transform Seremban and Port Dickson.

Additionally, clean energy supply with Malakoff Bhd in zones like Nilai enhances appeal to ESG-driven investors. [READ MORE](#)



AmBank Backs Sunview's Solar Project, Boosting Malaysia's Green Energy Goals

AmBank Islamic has provided RM70 million in financing to Fabulous Sunview, a unit of Sunview Group Bhd, to develop a 29.99-megawatt solar power plant in Sungai Petani, Kedah. The RM98.27 million project was awarded by Dayasinar Energy, a company focused on renewable energy.

Fabulous Sunview will handle the design, procurement, construction, testing and equipment supply for the plant under the Corporate Green Power Programme (CGPP), which supports Malaysia's push for clean energy.

Sunview Group CEO Ong Hang Ping thanked AmBank for the support, noting that the funding will help the company contribute to Malaysia's energy transition and green future. This project aligns with national ESG priorities and reflects growing private sector involvement in renewable energy.

At Wednesday's close, Sunview shares stood at 38 sen, valuing the group at RM215.7 million. The initiative marks another step toward Malaysia's low-carbon, sustainable energy goals. [READ MORE](#)



Acwa Power to Invest \$10 Billion in Malaysia's Clean Energy Future

Saudi-based Acwa Power has signed non-binding agreements with Malaysian partners to explore projects totaling 13 gigawatts in power capacity, with up to \$10 billion in investments targeted by 2040. The collaborations span renewable energy, green hydrogen, and advanced water solutions, reinforcing Malaysia's clean energy agenda.

The agreement was formalised with the Malaysian Investment Development Authority and aligns with the nation's ambition to raise its renewable energy capacity to 70 percent by 2050. This move supports Malaysia's planned coal phase-out by 2044 and long-term net zero goal by mid-century.

Acwa Power, a global leader in private water desalination, will conduct feasibility studies with state utility Tenaga Nasional Berhad and other entities. Projects under review include floating solar farms and large-scale desalination facilities.

Malaysia, traditionally reliant on coal and gas, is shifting towards sustainable energy and water systems to meet rising demand and climate targets. [READ MORE](#)



Madani Solar Initiative to Power Rural Sabah by Year-End

Most rural villages in Sabah are set to receive solar-powered electricity by the end of this year under the Madani solar initiative, as announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim during the Kaamatan celebration. The programme will implement cost-effective matrix solar systems, bridging longstanding electricity access gaps in remote communities.

Anwar highlighted the importance of practical solutions, noting that additional funding will be provided if necessary to ensure the initiative's success. This reflects the government's flexible and results-driven approach to rural development.

Rural electrification, he said, is part of a broader commitment to enhance essential infrastructure including water access, education, and roads, while actively reducing poverty. This solar rollout forms a key component of Malaysia's inclusive development strategy. It also signals the government's focus on sustainable, community-focused solutions in line with national ESG goals, bringing long-term socio-economic benefits to underserved regions in Sabah. [READ MORE](#)



Sarawak Energy, JBIC Unite to Drive Regional Renewable Growth

Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation to collaborate on renewable energy, cross-border infrastructure, and technical knowledge sharing. The partnership, announced at Expo 2025 Osaka, aligns with strategic initiatives such as the Asean Power Grid and Asia Zero Emission Community.

The agreement supports Sarawak's broader goal to become a regional renewable energy hub. Sarawak has supplied electricity to West Kalimantan since 2016 and is now preparing exports to Brunei. Grid enhancements are underway to support future demand and integration.

Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Awang Tengah highlighted Sarawak's vast hydropower capacity, capable of generating 30,000MW. The state targets 10,000MW capacity by 2030 and 15,000MW by 2035, with renewables making up at least 70 percent. In addition, Sarawak is diversifying into solar and bioenergy. The SEB-JBIC partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing regional decarbonisation through sustainable energy projects. [READ MORE](#)



Sarawak Unveils Ambitious Sustainability Blueprint and Carbon Market Plan

Sarawak has launched Malaysia's first Sustainability Blueprint 2030, a comprehensive roadmap guiding the state's transition to a green economy. Developed by the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability Sarawak, the blueprint includes 10 strategic thrusts, 48 strategies, and 111 action plans. It aims to embed green principles across society and the economy.

The blueprint emphasizes accelerating renewable energy, advancing carbon capture, and enhancing forest and land conservation. It also promotes green industries, sustainable cities through circular economy practices, and a future-ready workforce with education and research.

Looking ahead, Sarawak commits to publishing a detailed Greenhouse Gas Inventory by 2027 to track emissions and maintain its carbon budget. The state is finalizing a Carbon Plan to enable carbon market investments. This Carbon Plan focuses on building a regulated, investor-friendly carbon market that balances supply and demand, incentivizing emissions reductions and attracting green investments to Sarawak's sustainable future. [READ MORE](#)

