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Alliance Bank's Sustainable Headquarters: RM405M Investment Advances Green Building Value



Alliance Bank Malaysia officially launched Menara Alliance Bank, a 24-floor sustainable office suite on Jalan Ampang, marking its first relocation to an environmentally responsible, fully owned headquarters since inception. The RM405.84 million acquisition from Oxley Holdings subsidiary represents more than a simple address change; it symbolises the bank's ESG transformation under its Acceler8 2027 strategy.

The building targets BCA Green Mark Gold and LEED certifications this year, demonstrating Alliance Bank's commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible governance. This move positions the bank alongside other major Malaysian financial institutions embracing green infrastructure. The unified workspace facilitates seamless cross-functional collaboration while reducing carbon footprint, enabling better stakeholder outcomes.

Group CEO Kellee Kam emphasised that the new headquarters accelerates digital transformation while deepening sustainable partnerships with Malaysian businesses. The investment underscores the bank's ESG commitment to creating long-term stakeholder value through innovation, environmental stewardship, social responsibility and governance excellence. The headquarters serves as a platform for meaningful contribution to sustainable national economic development.

Malaysia's Clean Energy Transition: RM20B Sustainable Investment Opportunities Drive Decarbonisation



Malaysia's renewable energy landscape presents positive ESG prospects this year as sustainable capital deployment, regulatory resets and corporate decarbonisation converge to reshape sector priorities. After navigating operational disruptions and policy transitions, the clean energy industry now anticipates clearer earnings visibility and steadier demand drivers aligned with climate goals, according to analysts.

Hong Leong Investment Bank Research identifies this year as a clean energy inflection point, forecasting utility-scale opportunities through LSS5+, LSS6 and the 300MW feed-in tariff 2.0 programme. These sustainable initiatives could generate approximately RM20 billion in EPC opportunities. Data centres emerge as key drivers, with AI investments accelerating green energy demand and incentivising robust Corporate Renewable Energy Supply Scheme adoption for carbon reduction.

The sector benefits from structural sustainability themes and positive earnings growth cycles. Battery energy storage systems and commercial solar installations are expected to rebound following quota delays. While Maybank Investment Bank maintains a neutral utilities stance, regulatory frameworks limit downside risks. The convergence of rising electricity costs under Regulatory Period 4 makes renewable energy adoption increasingly attractive for ESG-focused corporate investors seeking decarbonisation.

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SSM's 2027 Sustainability Mandate: Legislative Framework Advances Corporate ESG Reporting Value



The National Sustainability Reporting Framework introduced in 2024 requires large non-listed companies earning over RM2 billion annually to prepare sustainability reports by 2027. However, this depends on amendments to the Companies Act 2016, which SSM's CEO Datuk Nor Azimah Abdul Aziz confirms may be legislated by 2027 following public consultations and regulatory assessments. Consequently, SSM plans training programmes, recognition awards, funding support, and tax relief to encourage corporate participation in sustainability reporting.

Meanwhile, SSM is aligning its voluntary Business Review Report with IFRS S1 and S2 standards adopted by NSRF. As of October 2025, 6,247 companies have already submitted this report alongside financial statements. Furthermore, a gap analysis is underway to strengthen legal provisions for environmental and social disclosures within existing governance structures.

Given that SMEs constitute 97% of SSM-registered companies, targeted support and phased implementation are being considered. This strategic approach addresses key challenges including costs, limited resources, and technical expertise gaps, ultimately fostering broader ESG integration across Malaysia's corporate landscape.

Defence Ministry Pioneers ESG Framework: Governance Transparency Drives Sustainable Procurement Reform



The Ministry of Defence has been prioritised to adopt the Environmental, Social and Governance framework, driven by the substantial scale of its procurement activities and the imperative for sustainable, transparent governance aligned with MADANI principles. Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil confirmed that Defence Minister Mohamed Khaled Nordin briefed the Cabinet on this strategic ESG initiative.

Given the significant procurement volume undertaken annually, MINDEF's ESG adoption represents a proactive step toward bridging public sector governance standards with private sector efficiency and sustainability practices. The Digital Ministry and National Digital Department will support digitalisation of procurement procedures, ensuring processes become more transparent, accountable and environmentally responsible while reducing leakage risks and enhancing social value.

This move places integrity and sustainability at the core of defence sector reforms, aligning with MADANI Malaysia's ESG aspirations and UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Cabinet received explanations positively, recognising the framework's importance amid heightened governance scrutiny. This structured, comprehensive ESG implementation marks a transformative phase for MINDEF, demonstrating commitment to operational excellence, responsible governance and enhanced stakeholder confidence through measurable sustainability metrics.

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Penang City Council's Historic ESG Certification: First Malaysian Authority Nominated for Dubai Sustainability



The Ministry of Housing and Local Government will nominate Penang City Council to represent Malaysia for the Dubai International Best Practices Award for Sustainable Development 2026, following MBPP's groundbreaking ESG certification success as the nation's first certified local authority. Minister Nga Kor Ming cited MBPP's proven capability in upholding sustainability principles, responsible governance and community well-being aligned with SDG frameworks.

MBPP became Malaysia's first government agency and local authority to receive SIRIM QAS International certification for both SIRIM 55:2023 ESG Systems and SIRIM 50:2021 Social Accountability Management Systems. This historic achievement demonstrates the effectiveness of a holistic sustainability approach encompassing environmental stewardship, social equity and governance excellence, aligning perfectly with MADANI Malaysia aspirations that emphasise sustainable development, stakeholder well-being and ethical governance integrity.

The ESG certification recognises MBPP's comprehensive sustainability initiatives including circular waste management, energy efficiency, natural resource conservation, community well-being, social inclusion and urban safety frameworks. Minister Nga emphasised that this certification represents a starting point for continuous ESG improvement, with sustainability practices integrated into all planning, implementation and monitoring aspects to ensure tangible environmental and social benefits reach citizens while maintaining governance transparency.

Prasarana's Triple ESG Recognition: UN Global Compact Honours Sustainability Leadership and Climate Action



Prasarana Malaysia Berhad, the nation's leading sustainable public transport operator, achieved recognition in the inaugural ESG Select List organised by United Nations Global Compact Network Malaysia and Brunei. The company earned 3-Star Lister status across three sustainability categories: ESG Trailblazer, Purposeful Partnership and North Star ESG Target Setting, demonstrating leadership in responsible business practices.

This recognition reflects consistent implementation of Prasarana's Sustainability Blueprint, integrating environmental protection, safety standards, social equity and governance excellence comprehensively. Key climate initiatives include the Traction Energy Recovery System for the Shah Alam LRT Line, which enhances energy efficiency and reduces carbon emissions aligned with net-zero targets. The company's commitment to inclusive transport for persons with disabilities contributed significantly to social impact achievement.

The establishment of Prasarana Vendor ESG Hub represents a pioneering digital sustainability platform developed specifically for supply chain partners, providing ESG learning and maturity assessments. Thirty selected vendors received intensive training on ESG action plans and sustainable procurement practices, strengthening capabilities while supporting Scope 3 emissions management and value chain decarbonisation. This recognition reinforces Prasarana's position as a resilient, ESG-forward organisation creating long-term stakeholder value.

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Wawasan Dengkil: Driving Sustainable Infrastructure Through Kedah RE Partnership



Wawasan Dengkil Holdings has formed a strategic sustainable collaboration with Kedah state government's renewable energy investment facilitator, Kester Sdn Bhd. The partnership positions Wawasan Dengkil's unit as project delivery partner for renewable energy and green technology initiatives throughout Kedah, supporting regional clean energy transition.

The memorandum of understanding establishes sustainability objectives encompassing investment promotion in green and low-carbon energy sectors, facilitating solar, hybrid and biomass renewable project development, plus coordinating sustainable infrastructure readiness with relevant authorities. Kester operates as Kedah's one-stop centre for strategic renewable energy investments aligned with national climate commitments, wholly owned by state investment agency Invest Kedah.

This collaboration builds on Wawasan Dengkil's November clean energy venture through a 70:30 joint venture with Nestcon to develop a 70 megawatt large-scale solar photovoltaic plant in Kedah. The partnership reflects growing opportunities in Malaysia's renewable sector and ESG investment landscape, enabling the ACE Market-listed construction firm to expand its green technology portfolio while supporting Kedah's sustainable development goals, climate targets and creating long-term ESG investor value.

Cheroh Dam Floating Solar Partnership: Malaysia's Clean Energy Expertise Positions ASEAN Climate Leadership



The Cheroh Dam floating solar project in Pahang positions Malaysia to develop renewable energy expertise exportable to other markets while advancing national decarbonisation goals, according to Citaglobal Berhad Executive Chairman Tan Sri Mohamad Norza Zakaria. The partnership with Abu Dhabi's Masdar enables Citaglobal to leverage sustainable technology experience, green project financing and large-scale clean energy management.

This 200-megawatt floating solar photovoltaic project represents Masdar's first Malaysian renewable energy venture and will become Southeast Asia's largest floating solar facility upon completion, advancing regional climate action. The consortium includes Citaglobal, Tiza Global and Masdar, operating under a long-term power purchase agreement with Tenaga Nasional. The project holds strategic ESG importance as Malaysia positions itself as ASEAN's renewable energy hub and climate leader.

Masdar's proven sustainability track record, including completed Indonesian floating solar projects, provides continuity and investor confidence. The long-term power purchase agreement delivers revenue certainty while supporting clean energy transition, strengthening economic and environmental fundamentals. Floating solar technology proves particularly attractive for land-scarce countries seeking sustainable solutions, utilizing existing water bodies responsibly while improving generation efficiency through natural cooling effects.

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Binastra's RM305M Renewable Project: Integrated Solar and Battery Storage Drives Clean Energy Growth



Binastra Corporation's wholly owned subsidiary Binastra Green Energy has finalised a tripartite agreement involving a RM305 million contract for sustainable infrastructure and renewable energy works. The arrangement transfers project ownership from Bahru Stainless to Binastra Construction, while maintaining all original ESG terms and conditions from the October 2025 letter of award under Malaysia's MyBeST programme.

The comprehensive sustainable project encompasses site clearance, earthworks, civil and structural works alongside significant renewable installations. These include a 65 megawatt-peak solar photovoltaic system comprising 15MWp rooftop and 50MWp ground-mounted components, plus a 200 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system for grid stability. This scope aligns with Malaysia's clean energy investment trends, national sustainability objectives and decarbonisation pathways.

Binastra Construction now assumes all rights and obligations as asset owner and financier under this recurrent related party transaction, approved by shareholders in July 2025. The project advances sustainable infrastructure and renewable energy initiatives simultaneously, demonstrating Binastra's ESG strategy of strengthening internal subsidiary collaboration while supporting Malaysia's sustainable development focus, climate commitments and creating long-term ESG shareholder value.

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