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MALAYSIA'S EDUCATION WEEK AT EXPO 2020 EMPHASISES EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND GLOBAL COLLABORATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

DUBAI, 18 December 2021 - The Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (MoHE) through its agency Education Malaysia Global Services recently concluded the Education Week which took place from 13-18 December 2021 at the Malaysia Pavilion in Expo 2020 Dubai.

Themed 'Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)', the Education Week strongly emphasised the importance of leveraging emerging technologies in education by optimising the digital learning ecosystem, strengthening both Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through digital learning and cross-industry collaboration to foster greater innovation.

This reflects Malaysia's support for the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), with MoHE's aspiration on achieving the fourth SDG on Quality Education.

The Minister of Higher Education Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad delivered a special address online at the launching ceremony which took place at the Malaysian Pavilion. In her speech, the Minister said that for Malaysia's higher education institutions to continue their excellent performances, new partnerships must be established between academia, the industry, as well as all other potential collaborators.

The event was subsequently launched by the Director General of Higher Education, Dato' Prof. Dr. Husaini Omar.

The Ministry also announced that a new programme 'Education Tourism', also commonly known as, EduTourism, will soon be launched to promote Malaysia as a choice destination for both tourism and education.

Malaysia's Education Week garnered the participation of 8 governmental agencies under MoHE and the Ministry of Education, 11 public universities, 7 private higher education institutions, and 8 franchised companies specialising in education from early childhood, basic to higher education sector.

The key programmes that took place throughout the week include; a forum on Future Digital Education; early childhood education and online platform learning; 40 pocket



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talks which covered topics such as environment and sustainability, technical and vocational education training, Islamic education and technology, early childhood education, education through tourism and mobility programmes; product launching; more than 100 business matching meetings; signing of Memorandums of Understanding between Malaysian institutions and international collaborators; and the Asian International Mobility for Students International Conference.

The Education Week is one of the 26 thematic weekly trade and business programmes organised by Malaysia Pavilion in Expo 2020 Dubai. The programmes are spearheaded and supported by 21 ministries, 70 departments and agencies, and 5 state governments, with industry players coming as weekly business delegates.

Malaysia's participation in Expo 2020 Dubai is led by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation with Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation as implementing agency.

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ABOUT MALAYSIA PAVILION AT EXPO 2020 DUBAI

Malaysia will be among 192 countries participating in Expo 2020 Dubai, scheduled for 1 Oct. 2021 to 31 March 2022. Themed “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future”, the world expo is the first to be held in the Middle East, Africa & South Asia region.

Malaysia’s pavilion is self-built and depicts a Rainforest Canopy. It carries the theme “Energising Sustainability” to capture the nation’s commitment and approaches to sustainable development. It is a net zero carbon pavilion.

Malaysia’s activities during the expo will include permanent displays, showcases, pocket talks, summits and forums, cultural performances, demonstrations and 26 weekly thematic trade and business programmes. The business weeks will be helmed and supported by 21 ministries, 70 agencies and 5 state governments.

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation is the lead ministry for Malaysia’s participation at the mega event. Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC) is the implementing agency.

ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION

The Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MOSTI) is a ministry of the Government of Malaysia. In 2018, the entire component of the MOSTI, Green Technology and Energy Components from the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water (KeTTHA) and related components of Climate Change and Environment from the Ministry of Natural resources and Environment (NRE) has been restructured and formed the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment & Climate Change (MESTECC).

Since 2020, MESTECC has been restructured and its name has been changed to MOSTI again. Dato’ Sri Dr Adham Baba has been appointed as Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation since 27 August 2021.

ABOUT MALAYSIAN GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CORPORATION

Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC) is an agency under the Ministry of Environment and Water whose scope involves green growth, climate change and sustainable lifestyle.

Three national policies – the National Green Technology Policy (NGTP), the National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) and the Green Technology Master Plan (GTMP) – outline MGTC’s role as a catalyst for green economic growth.

Its three core roles are:

- Mainstreaming the Green Economy through green product and service expansion programmes such as MyHIJAU Mark Certification Programme, Green Technology Financing Scheme (GTFS) and green technology tax incentives, namely the Green Income Tax Exemption (GITE) and Green Investment Tax Allowance (GITA), besides providing training and human capital development schemes.
- Drive climate change mitigation actions such as advocacy for energy efficiency and renewable energy, low carbon city programmes and low carbon mobility initiatives.
- Cultivate a green lifestyle through publicity and awareness programmes in fostering cooperation between the government and private sectors via global-scale platforms such as the International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (IGEM) and other public programmes.

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