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**MIDF'S INAUGURAL GREEN CONFERENCE ADDRESSES
INITIATIVES TOWARDS STIMULATING A GREENER ECONOMY**

Kuala Lumpur, 21 March 2019 – Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF) held its inaugural Green Conference today which was attended by the Minister of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change, YB Yeo Bee Yin.

YB Yeo Bee Yin discussed the Malaysian Government's vision for the country in the quest of achieving a green, low-carbon emission and climate-resilient economy in a session moderated by Dato' Charon Mokhzani, Group Managing Director of MIDF. She also shared her Ministry's aspirations and endeavours to initiate and encourage corporate Malaysia to be leaders in the green movement as well as her thoughts and insights towards stimulating a greener economy and society.

The MIDF Green Conference 2019 is the first conference organised by MIDF on the topic of climate change and specifically how environmental implications of economic activities affect businesses and the financial sector. The Conference is also aimed at exploring the types of bankable or investable green projects and businesses, the investor appetite for these projects, the relevant regulatory framework and how these projects and businesses can obtain funding they need, be it debt, equity or hybrid instruments.

MIDF Amanah Investment Bank, a subsidiary of MIDF has been among the pioneers in the provision of green funding, for example with the successfully structured and launched award winning RM2.0 billion PNB Merdeka Ventures ASEAN Green SRI Sukuk Programme.

Green financing is an important step forward for Malaysia to promote green and sustainable banking, develop green capital markets and integrate principles of the Government's green financing roadmap in investment decision making by institutional investors.

"MIDF is committed to being part of this endeavour. We look forward to working with the Government and all stakeholders to advance the green finance agenda to better serve the needs of our society and to advance sustainable growth for future generations", said Dato' Charon Mokhzani.

In addition to encouraging Malaysian corporates to integrate climate considerations into economic decision making and promoting the issuances of green sukuk, the Conference brought together panellists who offered differing views on companies' environmental preservation efforts and green financing. The Conference brought together issuers, investors, regulators, rating agencies as well as stakeholders who provided their thoughts and insights on topics which included green investment and green financing.

Some key panellists included Ahmad Jauhari Yahya, Executive Director of Cenergi SEA Sdn Bhd, Dr. Simon Lord, Chief Sustainability Officer of Sime Darby Plantation Bhd, YM Tengku Dato' Ab. Aziz YM Tengku Mahmud, Chief Executive Officer of PNB Merdeka Ventures Sdn Bhd, Charmaine Chee from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Ashraf Arshad of The World Bank Group Global Knowledge and Research Hub in Malaysia.

More than 300 participants from corporates, Government related agencies, non-profits and media attended the half-day Conference which was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

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