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**LEADING EXPERTS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS GATHER AT MIDF GREEN  
CONFERENCE 2023 TO DISCUSS ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY**

***Kuala Lumpur, 15 June 2023*** – More than 400 participants from corporates, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Government related agencies, non-profits and media attended MIDF’s Green Conference held today at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. The one-day conference featured distinguished speakers and panellists including YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, who delivered the keynote address. This is the third edition of the Conference following two successful events held in 2019 and 2022 respectively.

In his keynote address, YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad shared his views on sustainability issues faced by Malaysia today, particularly his insights on the collective responsibility of addressing climate change and called upon Malaysians to address these issues urgently. He also shared the Government’s aspirations and endeavours towards tackling climate change through legislation and encouraging corporate Malaysia to be leaders in the green movement.

MIDF has been a prominent player in the green space, with MIDF Amanah Investment Bank (MAIB), a subsidiary of MIDF among the pioneers in the provision of green funding under the Green Technology Financing Scheme in 2019. Early this year, MAIB successfully participated in the inaugural carbon credits auction organized by the Bursa Carbon Exchange. MIDF also manages a soft financing scheme for SMEs to undertake sustainability projects.



“Climate change is a hugely important issue for the country – yet how do we balance international pressures on us to de-carbonise and be more environmentally aware with our own national priorities and the reality that as a small nation, our contribution to the carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is very small compared to the bigger or richer nations”, said Dato’ Charon Wardini Mokhzani, Group Managing Director of MIDF.

The MIDF Green Conference 2023, focused on the theme “*Shaking Things Up*” featured a diverse range of topics spread over five panel sessions throughout the day including corporate promises on climate change, ESG integration for SMEs, balancing ESG and energy transition, the Bursa Carbon Exchange and water security and sustainability. The topics reflect their relevance and importance in today’s world, as it has now become clear that we face increasingly urgent environmental challenges, and we can no longer ignore or delay the need for sustainable change.

The conference brought together a diverse set of panellists, made up of issuers, investors, regulators, rating agencies as well as stakeholders including Datuk Amran Hafiz Affifudin, Executive Director and Head of Malaysian Investments at Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Philip See, Group Sustainability Officer of Malaysia Aviation Group and Yin Shao Loong, Senior Research Associate at Khazanah Research Institute, who delved into corporate commitments and climate change, examining the motivations and challenges faced by organizations in tackling sustainability.

This was followed by a panel session that included Rizal Nainy, Chief Executive Officer of SME Corporation Malaysia, Callum Chen, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of LH Plus Sdn. Bhd. and President of the Malaysian Consortium of Mid-Tier Companies (MCMTC) as well as Max Lee, Chief Executive Officer of Pantas Climate Solutions who discussed how SMEs can enhance their competitiveness by integrating ESG principles into their business strategies and how they can benefit from ESG integration.



In the afternoon, the first panel session saw speakers Tuan Syed Ahmad Muzri Syed Faiz, Managing Director of Jaguar Land Rover (Malaysia), Sime Darby Motors, Tuan Hj Ahmad Faraid Mohammad Yahaya, Project Director of the GENCO ESG Program Management Office at TNB Power Generation Sdn Bhd and Alizan Mahadi, Senior Director (Research) at the Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia discussing the delicate balance between ESG values and energy transition. This was followed by a one-on-one session with Dr Wei-nee Chen, Head of Carbon Market at Bursa Malaysia Berhad who highlighted the Bursa Carbon Exchange's role in propelling Malaysia towards a net-zero future.

The final panel session, featuring speakers Dato' Paduka Ir. Hj. Keizrul Abdullah, Chairman of the Council of Wetlands International Malaysia, Dato' Ir. Nor Hisham Mohd Ghazali, Director of Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad and Amran Awaluddin, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Ranhill Utilities Berhad, was centred around water security and sustainability, emphasising the importance of effective water management amidst population growth and industrialisation.

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Malayan Industrial Development Finance Ltd (now MIDF) was established in 1960 following the recommendations of the World Bank on how to finance the industrialisation of Malaya, and over the last 62 years the MIDF Group has been part of the development and modernization of Malaysia's economy and capital markets.

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