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Allahyarham Tun Abdul Ghafar ketua penerima darjah kebesaran

PUTRAJAYA 31 Jan. - Bekas Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Allahyarham Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba mengetuai senarai 375 penerima darjah kebesaran, bintang dan pingat sempena Hari Wilayah Persekutuan, esok.

Allahyarham yang pernah memegang jawatan Timbalan Perdana Menteri ke-6 dari 10 Mei 1986 sehingga 15 Oktober 1993 dikurniakan Darjah Seri Utama Mahkota Wilayah (SUMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk Seri Utama.

Yang turut menerima darjah sama ialah bekas Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam, Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal.

Selain itu, sebanyak 19 orang dianugerahkan Darjah Kebesaran Seri Mahkota Wilayah (SMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk Seri iaitu Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan; Menteri Kewangan



ALLAHYARHAM TUN ABDUL GHAFAF BABA



ABDUL RAHMAN DAHLAN



JOHAN ABDULLAH



ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMAD RADZI



DR. MOHD. AZHAR YAHYA



MOHD. RAZLAN MUHAMMAD RAFII

II, Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani; Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Kabinet), Tan Sri Mazidah Abdul Majid; Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pertahanan, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahim Mohamad Radzi dan Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Datuk J. Jayasiri.

Yang turut dianugerahkan SMW ialah Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Dr. Mohd. Azhar Yahya;

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Lembaga Tabung Haji, Datuk Johan Abdullah; Setiausaha Eksekutif Barisan Nasional (BN), Datuk Abu Khamis; Pengerusi panel syariah Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, Datuk Abu Hassan Din; Pengerusi CRSC Holdings Berhad, Datuk Low Wui Keong dan Presiden merangkap Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Malaysia Building Society Bhd. (MBSB), Datuk Ahmad Zaini Othman.

SMW turut dianugerahkan

kepada Pengerusi Al Rajhi Bank Malaysia (ARBM), Datuk Dr. Nik Norzrul Thani Nik Hassan Thani; Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Eksekutif IM4U, Datuk Seri Ahmad Farid Ridzuan; Presiden Dewan Perniagaan dan Industri Punjabi Malaysia, Datuk Daljit Singh; Datuk Chiau Beng Teik dari Midas Property; Presiden Parti Makkal Sakti Malaysia, Datuk R.S. Thanenthiran; Datuk Lau Kuan Kam dari PA Resource

Sdn. Bhd.; Ketua UMNO Bahagian Wangsa Maju, Datuk Mohd. Shafei Abdullah dan Ketua UMNO Bahagian Bukit Bendera, Datuk Ahmad Ismail.

Sejumlah 76 orang pula dianugerahkan Panglima Mahkota Wilayah (PMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk.

Antara penerima berkenaan ialah Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Dr. Rose

Lena Lazemi; Setiausaha Agung Persatuan Badminton Malaysia (BAM), Ng Chin Chai; Penolong Ketua Pesuruhjaya Pengakap Negara, Zakran Abd Manan; Naib Ketua UMNO Labuan, Khalid A. Ghani; Ketua Pemuda UMNO Wilayah Persekutuan, Mohd. Razlan Muhammad Rafii dan Pengarah Urusan Makkal Osai Sdn. Bhd., Sunther Subramaniam.

Selain itu, sebanyak 32 individu dianugerahkan Johan Mahkota Wilayah (JMW) dan 75 menerima Kesatria Mahkota Wilayah (KMW).

Sementara itu, sebanyak 76 orang menerima anugerah Ahli Mahkota Wilayah (AMW) dan 95 Pingat Pangkuan Mahkota Wilayah (PPW) termasuk jurugambar *Utusan Malaysia* Biro Putrajaya, Mohd. Zaki Amirudin.

375 diiktiraf sempena Hari Wilayah Persekutuan

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Tun Ghafar
tokoh utama
penerima darjah
kebesaran,
bintang
dan pingat

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Bekas Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Allahyarham Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba disenarai sebagai tokoh utama daripada 375 penerima darjah kebesaran, bintang dan pingat sempena Hari Wilayah Persekutuan, hari ini.

Beliau dikurniakan Darjah Seri Utama Mahkota Wilayah (SUMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk Seri Utama.

Turut menerima darjah sama, bekas Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam, Tan Sri Mohamad Zaidi Zainal.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan dan Menteri Kewangan Kedua, Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani bersama 17 penerima dikurniakan Darjah Kebesaran Seri Mahkota Wilayah (SMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk Seri.

Penerima lain, antaranya, Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pertahanan, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahim Mohamad Radzi; Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Datuk Jayasiri Jayasena; Ketua Setiausaha, Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Dr Mohd Azhar Yahaya.

Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Kabinet), Bahagian Kabinet, Perlembagaan dan Perhubungan Antara Kerajaan, Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Mazidah Majid; Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Tabung Haji, Datuk Johan Abdullah.

Turut disenarai, Setiausaha Eksekutif Majlis Tertinggi Barisan Nasional, Datuk Abu Khamis; Pengerusi Panel Penasihat Syariah Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, Datuk Abu Hassan Din Al-Hafiz; Pengerusi



Allahyarham Tun Ghafar Baba



Abdul Rahman Dahlan



Johari Abdul Ghani



Abdul Rahim Mohamad Radzi



Johan Abdullah



Ahmad Farid Ridzuan



Selva Kumar Mookiah



Mohd Razlan Muhammad Rafii

CRSC Holdings Bhd, Datuk Low Wui Keong; Presiden dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Malaysia Building Society Bhd (MBSB), Datuk Ahmad Zaini Othman.

Pengerusi Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation (M) Bhd, Datuk Dr Nik Norzrul Thani N Hassan Thani; Penasihat Komunikasi kepada Perdana Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Ahmad Farid Ridzuan; Presiden Dewan Perniagaan dan Industri Punjabi Malaysia, Datuk Dajit Singh Gurudeb Singh.

Presiden Parti Makkal Sakthi, Datuk R S Thanenthiran dan Datuk Chiau Beng Teik dari Midas Property; Pengerusi Bebas Bukan Eksekutif, PA Resource Sdn Bhd, Datuk Lau Kuan Kam; Ketua UMNO Wangsa Maju, Datuk Mohd Shafei Abdullah dan Ketua UMNO Bukit Bendera, Pulau Pinang, Datuk Ahmad Ismail.

76 individu terima PMW

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terian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWK), Dr Rose Lena Lazemi; Peguam Bela dan Peguam Cara, Selva Kumar Mookiah; Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pelancongan dan Kebudayaan, Dr Junaida Lee Abdullah.

Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Pengurusan dan Sosio-ekonomi), Kementerian Wilayah Persekutuan, Rosida Jaafar dan Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Perancangan dan Pembangunan), Kementerian Wilayah Persekutuan, M Noor Azman Taib.

Turut menerima PMW, Setiausaha Bahagian (Khidmat Pengurusan), Kementerian Wilayah Persekutuan, Ruzaini Idris; Presiden Institut Integriti Malaysia (IIM), Dr Anis Yusmal Yusoff; Pengarah Kanan (Kesihatan Pergigian) Kementerian Kesihatan, Dr Noor Aliyah Ismail.

Pengurus Besar Aset Kayamas, Lee Chan Kuen; Setiausaha Agung Persatuan Badminton Malaysia (BAM) Ng Chin Chai; Penolong Ketua Pesuruhjaya Pengakap Negara, Zakran Abd Manan; Naib Ketua UMNO Labuan, Khalid A Ghani.

Ketua Pemuda UMNO Wilayah Persekutuan, Mohd Razlan Muhammad Rafii; Ketua MIC Labuan, Ramasamy Rengasamy; Ketua Pemuda MCA Pulau Pinang, Lee Beng Seng dan Pengarah Urusan Makkal Osai Sdn Bhd, Sunther Subramaniam.

Seramai 32 individu dianugerahkan Johan Mahkota Wilayah (JMWH), 75 individu menerima Kesatria Mahkota Wilayah (KMWH), 76 individu menerima anugerah Ahli Mahkota Wilayah (AMW) dan 95 individu menerima Pingat Pangkuan Mahkota Wilayah (PPW).

Seorang daripada penerima JMWH adalah pendakwah, Dr Mohd Farid Ravi Abdullah, manakala pasangan beregu lelaki badminton yang meraih pingat perak pada Sukan Olimpik Rio 2016, Goh Wei Shem dan Tan Wee Kiong menerima KMWH.

Yang turut menerima KMWH ialah jurulatih badminton, Jeremy Gan Wye Teck.

Pengarang Sukan BH terima AMW

Pengarang Sukan BH, Rasid Rahman dan Presiden Kelab Kar-

tunis Malaysia, Mohd Desa Omar menerima AMW. Seorang lagi penerima AMW ialah personaliti TV3, Azwaliza Azman.

Dua petugas media di Putrajaya iaitu jurufoto, Chai Wai Chuen daripada Sin Chew Media Corporation Bhd dan jurufoto, Mohd Zaki Amiruddin daripada Utusan Melayu (M) Bhd menerima PPW.

Turut menerima PPW ialah pelakon, Datin Naszirah Ngasri yang lebih popular dengan nama Anne Ngasri, iaitu Ketua Puteri UMNO Bahagian Bukit Bintang.

Penganugerahan Darjah Kebesaran, Bintang dan Pingat Wilayah Persekutuan yang bermula sejak tahun 2008 adalah bagi menghargai dan mengiktiraf sumbangan warga Wilayah Persekutuan yang banyak berjasa membangunkan Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya dan Labuan.

Penganugerahan ini bukan sahaja diberikan kepada warga Wilayah Persekutuan namun turut mengiktiraf mereka yang tidak bermastautin tetapi menabur bakti kepada pembangunan Wilayah Persekutuan.



Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba Dahului Senarai Penerima Darjah Kebesaran Wilayah Persekutuan

PUTRAJAYA, 1 Feb (Bernama) -- Bekas Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Allahyarham Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba mengetuai senarai 375 penerima darjah kebesaran, bintang dan pingat bersempena Hari Wilayah Persekutuan, Rabu.

Abdul Ghafar yang memegang jawatan Timbalan Perdana Menteri Malaysia keenam iaitu dari 10 Mei sehingga 15 Okt 1993, dikurniakan Darjah Seri Utama Mahkota Wilayah (SUMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk Seri Utama.

Turut dikurniakan darjah yang sama ialah bekas Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal.

Mohamad Zabidi memegang jawatan berkenaan dari 15 Mac 2013 hingga 31 Dis tahun lepas (2016).

Sejumlah 19 individu pula dianugerahkan pingat Darjah Seri Mahkota Wilayah (SMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk Seri iaitu Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan; Menteri Kewangan Kedua Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani; Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Kabinet) Jabatan Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Mazidah Abdul Majid.

Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pertahanan Datuk Seri Abdul Rahim Mohd Radzi; Ketua Setiausaha, Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri Datuk Seri Jayasiri Jayasena; **Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) Datuk Dr Mohd Azhar Hj Yahaya.**

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Datuk Seri R.S Thanenthiran; Datuk Seri Chiau Beng Teik dari Midas Property;

Pengerusi Bebas Bukan Eksekutif PA Resource Sdn Bhd Datuk Seri Lau Kuan Kam; Ketua UMNO Wangsa Maju Datuk Seri Mohd Shafei Abdullah dan Ketua UMNO Bukit Bendera, Pulau Pinang Datuk Seri Ahmad Ismail. Sejumlah 76 individu pula dianugerahkan Panglima Mahkota Wilayah (PMW) yang membawa gelaran Datuk.

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Seorang daripada penerima JMW merupakan pendakwah Dr Mohd Farid Ravi Abdullah.

Pasangan beregu lelaki badminton yang meraih pingat perak pada Sukan Olimpik Rio 2016, Goh Wei Shem dan Tan Wee Kiong merupakan antara penerima KMW.

Turut menerima KMW ialah jurulatih badminton, Jeremy Gan Wye Teck.

Presiden Kelab Kartunis Malaysia, Mohd Desa Omar merupakan seorang daripada penerima AMW. Seorang lagi penerima AMW ialah personaliti TV3, Azwaliza Azman.

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KERATAN AKHBAR
NEW STRAITS TIMES (NATION) : MUKA SURAT 5
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LATE DPM TOPS AWARDS LIST

Ghafar gets posthumous award in conjunction with Federal Territories Day

PUTRAJAYA

THE late Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba will posthumously be conferred the "Darjah Seri Utama Mahkota Wilayah" (SUMW) award, which carries the title "Datuk Seri Utama", in conjunction with the 2017 Federal Territories Day today.

Ghafar, who was the sixth deputy prime minister and held the office from May 10, 1986 to Oct 15, 1993, heads the list of 375 recipients of awards, honours and medals in conjunction with the celebration.

Another recipient of the award is former Public Service Department director-general Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal.

Zabidi held the post from March 15, 2013 to Dec 31 last year.

Nineteen individuals will receive the "Darjah Seri Mahkota Wilayah" (SMW) award, which carries the title "Datuk Seri".

They are Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan; Second Finance Minister Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani; Prime Minister's Department deputy secretary-general (cabinet), Datuk Mazidah Abdul Majid; Defence Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Abdul Rahim Mohd Radzi; Interna-

tional Trade and Industry Ministry secretary-general Datuk Jayasiri Jayasena; and Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Mohd Azhar Yahaya.

The other recipients of the SMW award are Lembaga Tabung Haji group managing director and chief executive officer (CEO) Datuk Johan Abdullah; Barisan Nasional Supreme Council executive secretary Datuk Abu Khamis; and Amanah Iktihar Malaysia Syariah Advisory Council chairman Datuk Abu Hassan Din Al-Hafiz.

CRSC Holdings Bhd chairman Datuk Low Wui Keong; Malaysia Building Society Bhd president and CEO Datuk Ahmad Zaini Othman; and Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation (M) Bhd chairman Datuk Dr Nik Norzrul Thani N. Hassan Thani are also recipients of the award.

Those who will also receive the SMW award are Prime Minister's Department's communications adviser to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Ahmad Farid Ridzuan; Malaysian Punjabi Chambers of Commerce and Industries president Datuk Daljit Singh Gurudeb Singh; and Malaysia Makkal Sakti Party president Datuk R.S. Thanenthiran.

PA Resources Sdn Bhd independent non-executive chairman Datuk Lau

Kuan Kam; Datuk Chiau Beng Teik of Midas Property Sdn Bhd; Wangsa Maju Umno division chief Datuk Mohd Shafei Abdullah; and Bukit Bendera Umno division chief Datuk Ahmad Ismail will also receive the award.

Seventy-six people will receive the "Panglima Mahkota Wilayah"



Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba



Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal



(From left) Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahim Mohd Radzi, Datuk Johan Abdullah and Datuk Seri Ahmad Farid Ridzuan

(PMW) award, which carries the title "Datuk".

Among them are Women, Family and Community Development Ministry secretary-general Dr Rose Lena Lazemi; Tourism and Culture Ministry deputy secretary-general (Management) Dr Junaida Lee Abdullah; and Federal Territories (FT) Ministry deputy secretary-general (Management and Socio-Economic) Rosida Jaafar.

Other recipients of the PMW award are FT Ministry Socio-Economic Development Division secretary M. Noor Azman Taib; Health Ministry Principal Director of Oral Health, Dr Noor Aliyah Ismail; and Aset Kayamas general manager Lee Chan Kuen.

Badminton Association of

Malaysia (BAM) honorary secretary Ng Chin Chai; Assistant National Chief Scout Commissioner, Zakran Abd Manan; Labuan Umno vice-chief, Khalid A. Ghani; FT Umno Youth chief Mohd Razlan Muhammad Rafii; Labuan MIC chief Ramasamy Rengasamy; Penang MCA Youth chief Lee Beng Seng; and Makkal Osai Sdn Bhd managing director (MD), Sunther Subramaniam will also receive the award.

Thirty-two people will be honoured with the "Johan Mahkota Wilayah" (JMW), 75 the Kesatria Mahkota Wilayah (KMW), 76 the Ahli Mahkota Wilayah (AMW) and 95 the Pangkuan Mahkota Wilayah (PMW) medals.

One of the recipients of the JMW is preacher Dr Mohd Farid Ravi Ab-

dullah. National doubles pair Goh V Shem and Tan Wee Kiong, who clinched the silver medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics, as well as badminton coach, Jeremy Gan Wye Teck, are among the KMW recipients.

Among those who will receive the AMW are Malaysian Cartoonists Club president Mohd Desa Omar and TV3 personality, Azwaliza Azman.

Two Putrajaya-based photographers, namely Chai Wai Chuen of Sin Chew Media Corporation Bhd and Mohd Zaki Amiruddin from Utusan Melayu (M) Bhd will be among those receiving the PPW.

Joining them is actress Datin Naszirah Ngasri, popularly known as Anne Ngasri, who is also Bukit Bintang Umno Puteri chief. **Bernama**

It's going to be a wet February

Met Dept: North-east monsoon season to continue until next month

PETALING JAYA: Expect a wet month ahead as the north-east monsoon season continues in February, says the weatherman.

Between now and Monday, moderate-to-heavy rain is expected in the coastal states of Kelantan and Terengganu in the mornings.

Rain is also expected in some parts of the west coast with thunderstorms in the coastal areas of the north and west coast in the mornings.

States in the west coast, north and interior peninsula are also expected to get rain and thunderstorms in the evenings.

The Meteorological Department said in a statement that "medium-heavy rain" will fall in areas in the middle and east of Sarawak in the mornings.

The state will also experience rain and thunderstorms in several places at all districts in the evenings.

Meanwhile, rain is expected to hit only one or two places in the coastal area of eastern Sabah in the mornings while rain and thunderstorm will be at concentrated places in eastern Sabah in the evenings.

The north-east monsoon is characterised by heavy rain spells. The season is expected to end in March.

Twenty schools in Pahang – 13 in Pekan, six in Maran and one in Bera – will be closed today due to the flood disaster in the state.

State Education Department director Datuk Rosdi Ismail said that 4,087 students and teachers would be affected.

The schools in Pekan are SMK Paloh Hinai, SK Paloh Hinai, SK Padang Rumbia, SK Kampung Aceh, SK Pulau Rusa, SK Tanjung Medang, SK Belimbing, SK Serambi, SK Temai, SK Mambang, SK Pelak, SK Pulau Manis and SK Kincir.

In Maran, the schools are SK Paya Pasir, SK Serengkam, SK Pesagi, SK Kuala Wau, SK Kertau and SK Chenor while SMK Mengkarak is



Come rain or shine: Despite the floods, some residents of Kampung Sungai Ganchong still came out to enjoy a meal at their neighbourhood stall in Pekan. (Inset) Flood victim Naziri Hassan, 61, moving his things after floodwaters entered his house in Taman Pelangkah, Pekan. — Bernama

the school affected in Bera.

Pekan recorded the highest number of flood victims staying at relief centres in Pahang yesterday.

Malaysian Civil Defence Force state director Zainal Yusoff said the number of victims at the centres dropped to 3,162 people from 883 families at noon yesterday compared with 4,122 victims from 1,115 families in the morning.

Pekan recorded the highest number with 1,116 victims from 309 families.

Maran recorded 1,055 victims (314 families), Temerloh 515 victims (140 families), Bera 438 victims (107

families) and Rompin 38 victims (13 families), he said.

Fifty-nine temporary relief centres were still operating with 20 in Maran, Pekan (17), Bera (12), Temerloh (nine) and one in Rompin.

In Johor, the number of flood victims in the state continued to drop to 1,390 yesterday compared with 1,473 victims on Monday.

State Health and Environment Committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat said they comprised 384 families who were still staying at 22 temporary relief centres in three districts affected by the floods, namely Segamat, Tangkak

and Muar.

A total of 982 victims from 264 families in Segamat and 25 victims from six families in Tangkak had yet to be allowed to return home.

"In Muar, there were 383 victims from 114 families who are still staying in four relief centres," he said in a statement.

Five roads were still inaccessible. They are the Pogoh-Tekam and Balai Badang-Mensudut Lama roads in Segamat; Jambatan Jalan Kampung Sungai Pinggan in Pontian; and in Muar, the 61st kilometre of the Muar-Labis road and Jalan Pagoh Tekam.

KERATAN AKHBAR
THE STAR (VIEWS) : MUKA SURAT 28
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Investing in green tech for the long haul

ENVIRONMENT management is a subject which all students, whatever their discipline of study, must be made aware of. Despite the sceptical views of certain world leaders, neglecting the global environmental problems will be disastrous for humanity.

We must spread the message to the world, especially to the younger generation, that nature is not to be taken lightly. World environmental scientists have warned us the matter of the environment is a do-or-die issue and that it can be extremely costly for future generations if we don't act now.

One important consequence of environmental neglect is the depletion of our natural resources, especially energy and water resources. Then there is the sorry state of other life-supporting resources that are essential for global development and human progress. This is also referred to as our natural capital.

The United Nations has released 17 Sustainability Development Goals (SDG) as a guide for all countries in the quest for green solu-

tions throughout the world. Green here is defined as those technological solutions which are not only more resource-efficient but also less polluting than the conventional technologies. The quest for green technology has given birth to the much touted green economy of the world, an economy which many predict will be a major driver for future global growth.

How do we as a nation tap on this opportunity?

I recently presented a paper titled "Innovation Challenges of Green Buildings; Fraunhofer Experience" at a Kuala Lumpur Green Buildings Conference hosted by CONFEXHUB. The paper essentially discussed the many R & D initiatives taken by Fraunhofer's Green Building Alliance in Germany's efforts to tap on the potential opportunities offered by the expanding demand for green buildings in many countries.

The green building concept has attracted a lot of attention worldwide because of the fact that the construction industry contributes significantly to resource depletion

and environmental degradation. As a result, the ways buildings are designed, constructed and operated throughout their life cycle can impact significantly on the global drive for sustainability. Designing and constructing green buildings would do a lot in reducing the negative impacts on the environment and also ensure sustainability of our natural resources.

Experts predict the demand for green design to expand as many see the obvious benefits offered in the global fight against climate change. This will undoubtedly lead to greater economic opportunities in technology sectors such as energy-efficient lighting and air-conditioning, light but strong materials, more efficient insulation materials and less energy and labour intensive construction methods, just to name a few. This explains why countries like Germany are investing heavily in green building technologies.

As a country looking for similar opportunities, we have established entities on green technology to participate in the green economy.

These are mainly under the Green Technology, Energy and Water Ministry. This is a good start. The unfortunate part is that we are not as aggressive when it comes to developing technologies which we can eventually export to earn revenue. Instead, we are totally dependent on foreign investments and technologies. This has to change if we are to truly reap the maximum economic benefits offered by green buildings.

Some possible options include making green building mandatory for all new construction projects. It is also time to create a national centre to drive technology developments which would initially involve coordinating the R & D now done in various universities. Most important of all, we must be prepared to invest in the sector for the long haul. And there is definite potential even for SMEs.

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