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## **MALAYSIA AND UNITED KINGDOM TO COLLABORATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND LOW CARBON INITIATIVES IN FOUR-YEAR INTENSIVE PROGRAMME**

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**16 May 2019, Putrajaya** – Ministry Of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC) through its agency Malaysia Green Technology Corporation (GreenTech Malaysia), has agreed to collaborate with the Government of the United Kingdom (UK) in the area of climate change and low carbon initiatives.

In a symbolic ceremony today, the partnership is made official through a letter of exchange held in conjunction with the courtesy call to The Honorable Minister of MESTECC, Hon. Ms. Yeo Bee Yin by His Excellency Nick Bridge, British Special Representative for Climate Change.

The four-year collaboration programme under the United Kingdom Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UKPACT) Cooperation aims to strengthen, promote and develop climate change and low carbon

transition collaboration between two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

The collaboration programme benefits Malaysia on addressing critical climate change initiatives including the scoping study on a climate change legal and institutional framework, as well as capacity building through skills-share and secondment of technical assistance. It will also allow Malaysia to study and adapt the UK 2050 Pathway Carbon Calculator to the Malaysian context.

Since 2011, Malaysia has an ongoing cooperation and collaboration with United Kingdom through the UK Prosperity Fund. To enhance the existing collaboration between the two countries, this partnership will focus on strengthening the policy and institutional framework and Malaysia's technical capacity towards a low-carbon development.

Malaysia has also received the support and assistance from the UK to enhance governance and implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures that will directly contribute to the global initiatives addressing the climate change under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

During the meeting earlier with HE Nick Bridge, Minister Yeo, also invited the Government of UK to join and assist Malaysia in addressing the issue of plastic pollution in Malaysia and globally.

YB Yeo stressed that plastic pollution as well as marine debris issue will need global commitment as well as cooperation from all governments to address this issue effectively. She emphasised that developed countries should stop at source on the movement of plastic waste and rubbish to the countries in this region.

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**About Malaysian Green Technology Corporation (GreenTech Malaysia)**

Malaysian Green Technology Corporation (GreenTech Malaysia) is a government agency under the purview of MESTECC as the leading organisation in spearheading green technology for green growth & sustainability in Malaysia in line with the Green Technology Master Plan (GTMP 2017-2030).

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