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Green projects recognised

THE Penang Green Corporation has awarded accolades to 16 Penang-based projects for achieving Green Building Index (GBI) certifications.

Twelve of them were residential developments, one commercial development, one hotel and two warehouses and factories that achieved GBI Provisional Gold, Silver and Certified ratings.

Of these, Hotel Penaga, Lam Soon Warehouse and Osram factory are already in operation, having achieved their GBI Final Certifications.

Jelutong Development Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of IJM Land Bhd, achieved four certifications for their projects The Light Point, The Light Linear, The Light Collection 1 and The Light Collection 2.

Kewira Jaya Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of SP Setia Bhd, also scored four accolades – a gold and three certifications for the projects 11 Brook Residences, Setia Greens (Phase 1), Setia Pinnacle and Setia Greens (Phase 2) Landed Parcel.

The other project winners were G-Home (20000BJ), G-Home (20001BJ) and G-Home (20002BJ), Kao Penang Office (Fatty Chemical Land M Sdn Bhd), Sandilands (BHL Waterfront), 1 Tanjong (Province Valley Sdn Bhd) and Marinox Sky Villas (Masmeyer Development Sdn Bhd).

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng, who presented the certificates recently said that Penang was the first state to acknowledge and appreciate the effort put in by the companies to make their buildings green and in the process promote sustainability in the state.

"Back in 2009 when GBI was first launched, the concept of green buildings was very new.

"As of Oct 8 this year, 38 Penang-based projects were registered with the GBI, making up 8% of the national total.

"Out of these 38 projects, 16 have received GBI certification and the remaining 22 are pending the submission of their design to GBI. The 16 projects represent 11% of the total projects certified by GBI nationwide," he said.