

## Launch of GBI Interiors Tool

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**GEORGE TOWN** : In going one step further towards sustainable interior management in Malaysia, Green Building Index (GBI) with Malaysian Green Building Confederation and Malaysian Institute of Interior Designs have collaborated together to launch the GBI Interiors Tool at Penang Town Hall today.

Penang Island Municipal Council secretary Ir. Ang Aing Thye who launched the new initiative said it was an appropriate part for the Penang Green Council's Penang International Green Carnival which will start on Sunday.

GBI initiative is in line with Penang state government strong advocacy in promoting green buildings and sustainable built environment in the state," he said.

Ang also recognized that 25% of the buildings are registered, and 10% have been certified.

"We have GBI certified buildings on both the Penang island and mainland and it ranges from terraced houses, condominiums, offices, industrial buildings and even the Penang Green Council office, which has made me proud," he said.

GBI Interior tools is a rating system that was created to address the issues concerning

sustainable interiors in the appropriate context. It is being designed to complement the other GBI tools and was developed locally in a holistic way with the participation of the local industry.

"It is actually a green rating tool for buildings and towns which is created to promote sustainability in the environment and also to raise awareness of environmental issues within the industry.

"It goes right from inception to operation of the building," said Ir. Ahmad Izdihar Supaat during the GBI Interior Tools presentation.

Ahmad who is the honorary secretary of MGBC also adds that the GBI rating tool provides opportunity for developers and buildings owners to design and construct green, sustainable buildings that can provide energy savings, water savings and also better connectivity to public transport.

"What we want is for people to adopt good habits in developing green habit and having a good impact in sustainability management. With this GBI Interior Tools, we hope we can achieve that," he said.