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Malaysian Green Technology Corporation - GreenTech Awards Gala Dinner

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The Malaysian Reserve's Linda Archibald receiving her award for Malaysia's Top 30 Green Catalyst.

Malaysian Green Technology Corporation (GreenTech Malaysia) recently organised the GreenTech Awards to recognise and honour Malaysia's Top 30 Green Catalysts for 2014

comprising individuals and organisations who have had significant environmental, economic and social impact in expanding the country's Green Technology sector.

The award ceremony hosted over 500 notable green technology leaders from across various sectors including the Energy, Building, Transport, Water and Waste Management.

The GreenTech Awards Gala Dinner was graced by the guest of honour, His Highness Crown Prince of Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Ibni Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj.

Speaking about the awards, GreenTech Malaysia's Chief Executive Officer, Ir. Ahmad Hadri Haris said, "The contributions of Malaysia's Top 30 Green Catalysts for 2014 have demonstratively made a significant impact in raising awareness on sustainability, conservation, and the growth of the green technology sector, economically and socially."

"It is essential for us to create synergies among the industry players to collectively promote and grow the green technology sector. We need to work in partnerships to capture the huge opportunities that green technology offers and unlock the sector's true potential," he added.

This year, the GreenTech Awards were divided into two categories, Personalities and Corporations, acknowledging the many efforts put in by both individuals and organisations who are committed to ensuring Malaysia's long-term ecological sustainability and the growth of Green Technology sector towards achieving the national Green Technology agenda.

Malaysia's Top 30 Green Catalysts 2014 included Gurmit Singh (CETDEM), Ruth Yeoh Pei Cheen (YTL Corporation), Y.Bhg Tan Sri Datuk Eddy Chen (MKH Berhad), and Tan Cheng Li (The Star) who are among the 8 personalities, as well as from the corporations including Polis DiRaja Malaysia, Malakoff, Penjana Bebas, Green Building Index, Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya, Tan Chong Motors, Bandar Eco-Setia, Maybank Berhad and Panasonic Malaysia.

The award recipients walked away with the custom-designed GreenTech Awards trophy that symbolises the wide-ranging forms of green technology, one that is vibrant with limitless possibilities and exciting potential for progress.

Ahmad Hadri said, "Through honouring past and present successes, the GreenTech Awards aim to be a source of inspiration for the future generation to emulate. For while they are the youth of today, they will be the leaders of tomorrow taking over the baton from us to continue to champion the national green agenda."

"As such, GreenTech Malaysia is committed to make the GreenTech Awards an annual affair to continually encourage innovation within the industry and spawn new green champions," he added.

Throughout the black-tie event, attendees of the GreenTech Awards were treated to soulful music from Poova, an enchanting classical performance by renowned Datuk Ramli Ibrahim and the Sutra Dance Theatre, as well as a dazzling soprano performance by Syafinaz Selamat.

One of the prominent award recipients, Ruth Yeoh, Executive Director of YTL said, “On behalf of YTL, I am very humbled and honoured to be named amongst Malaysia’s Top 30 Green Catalysts 2014. Sustainability is key to the long term success of every business and it is very encouraging to see such efforts across various industries in Malaysia duly recognised by the GreenTech Awards tonight.”

The GreenTech Awards is one of the many initiatives championed by GreenTech Malaysia to catalyse the Green Technology agenda in line with the aspirations of the National Green Technology Policy 2009. For more information about the GreenTech Awards and GreenTech Malaysia, please visit www.greentechmalaysia.my.