



**PRIME MINISTER
MALAYSIA**

MESSAGE

I wish to congratulate Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) and the Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM) for the launch of the new Green Building Index (GBI) tool to help property owners to upgrade their existing buildings to become more "Green" and sustainable.

This is an important step as we move towards a High Income Economy. To achieve this vision we have to plug the leaks to reduce unwanted losses and unplanned wastages. We cannot afford to have buildings that continue to use too much resources and energy whilst at the same time contribute wastes and harmful green house gasses that damages the environment. This GBI tool can also help to transform all aging and inefficient buildings to become higher value assets.

The Government's commitment to a greener future is clear. Incentives in the form of tax exemption for building owners, and stamp duty exemptions for buyers of properties that achieve GBI certification have been provided in Budget 2010. These are to help the country to build more Green buildings and also to develop more Green Technologies.

In addition, GBI Malaysia is a good example of how the private sector, professionals and NGOs can work together to come up with an internationally accepted standard for Green Buildings in the tropics. We appreciate and encourage more of such innovation and creative input.

I support and wish you every success in its implementation.

1Malaysia "People First, Performance Now"

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(DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB)