



**MINISTER OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MALAYSIA**



MESSAGE

I am honoured to launch the Green Building Index Township Tool and Residential new Construction version II. The introduction of this new tool to widen the green transformation to our neighbourhoods and communities is both significant and timely. It is significant as the Township Tool and its framework takes it to another level and sets out a vision for sustainability within the built environment and provides guidance that will assist developers, professionals and construction teams to deliver sustainable townships. It is timely as we must look beyond the construction of green buildings alone, for the long term viability of our society. Green buildings are a key component of a sustainable society, but the construction of green buildings alone will never allow us to effectively address issues that are outside the scope of an individual building.

I am proud that the professional Architects and Engineers of the Green Building Index have taken the pioneering initiative and effort to develop these tools. I am given to understand this marks the culmination of over 18 months of public consultation with stakeholders including Government Agencies, Local Authorities and international peers and expert groups to establish a relevant local framework for Malaysia.

The introduction of this Township tool will provide an opportunity for the application of public-private smart partnership throughout the development process that will facilitate the Government Agencies and Local Authorities, developers and the professional teams to work together to generate places that are well planned and designed, safe and secure, and enhance the surrounding environment.

As we transform to a high-income economy, we must be prepared to be ready to change the old ways of doing things. The Green Building Index Township tool offers us now an opportunity to develop neighbourhoods and communities in more environment-friendly and sustainable ways and to enhance the quality of life.

The successful implementation of Green Building Index for sustainable townships and green buildings coupled with the people's will to change the ways we have been living will help ensure a better future for all Malaysians.



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