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Boost for Malaysia's Biogas Industry

German delegation comprising expert speakers and 8 German companies
see huge potential in sustainable biogas projects in Malaysia.

Kuala Lumpur, 18 June 2019 – The Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MGCC) welcomed its largest-ever German delegation of the year to the annual Biogas Symposium 2019 today. The delegation comprised expert speakers, solution providers and company representatives from biogas-related sectors in Germany, looking for smart partnerships with Malaysian partners.

The Biogas Symposium 2019 at DoubleTree by Hilton Kuala Lumpur registered close to 150 foreign and local participants, and was part of a three-day renewable energy event comprising a symposium on 18 June 2019, followed by a two-day business matching with over 50 individual business meetings on 19 and 20 June 2019. The event was supported by Germany's Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and coordinated by MGCC.

In Malaysia, oil palm biomass is constantly generated in large quantities, with an estimated 80 million tonnes of solid waste and 60 million tonnes of liquid waste annually. A considerably small fraction is converted into value-added products while a large percentage is left underutilised. Germany, long known for its pioneering role in the area of generation and utilisation of biogas, has the proven technology and can offer its experience to turn waste into energy. "This event provides a strong basis for German and Malaysian companies to look into cooperation and work together towards a more sustainable future of energy supply as well as a cleaner environment," said Mr Daniel Bernbeck, chief executive officer of MGCC.

Requirements for emissions have been tightening in many regions, therefore efficient combustion technology with low emissions has continued to increase in importance. According to Mr Jens Brinckmann, Counsellor for Economic, Commercial and Environmental Affairs, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany: "The advantage of German companies in Malaysia has always been



that they are a source of technology and innovation. Their know-how can be transferred into the local ecosystem to benefit all parties."

Participants who attended the symposium came from several small and medium-sized enterprises specialising in the development, design and production of renewable energy systems, energy efficiency digesters, smart grids and storage technologies. The promotion of smart and sustainable energy solutions is one of the main priorities of the Biogas Symposium, and is intended to create results for biogas installations in Malaysia requiring high performance ratios.

MGCC, being Germany's official representative for industry and trade in Malaysia, continues to foster bilateral trade efforts between both countries and to connect our network with ministries, government agencies, business organisations and companies in Malaysia and Germany.

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About the Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MGCC), or AHK Malaysia as it is known in Germany, is part of the world-wide network of German chambers with 140 offices in 92 countries and another 79 regional chambers in Germany with more than 3 million member companies and businesses. Under the service brand "DEinternational" the chambers assist German companies with a wide range of services to establish themselves on foreign markets.

MGCC is the Official Representative of German Industry and Trade in Malaysia with excellent relations to governments and its authorities, to business organizations and to industry both in Malaysia and in Germany. First arriving in 1986 as a delegate office of the German Associations of Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK), MGCC is now a modern and flexible service organization and a strong and reliable partner for its members and clients with a widespread, result-oriented range of services and a successful track record. MGCC is supported by the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy based on a resolution of the German parliament, the Bundestag.

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