

Leaving a legacy for tomorrow



pursue them.

In this regard, sustainability must be at the core of our developmental agenda. No longer can we afford to decouple the economy from the environment as they are mutually reinforcing, and the linkages have never been clearer.

On the part of my government, the Madani values that I introduced to guide our civilisational development embraces sustainability as one of its seven core tenets.

This leaves no doubt of our commitment to balance economic development with the protection of our natural resources and promotion of social equity.

Concurrently, we have taken holistic steps to accelerate the Madani Economy Framework and aligning it with policies such as the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR), the New Industrial Master Plan (NIMP) 2030 and the Mid-Term Review of the 12th Malaysia Plan (MTR-12MP).

In October 2023, the Joint Committee on Climate Change (JC3) has announced five private-public sector collaborations ranging from greening industrial parks and value chains, ESG financing and green agri-tech. Recently, the JC3 agreed to establish a Climate Finance Innovation Lab that brings industrial players to create financial solutions for energy transition, adaptation and nature-related projects.

Meanwhile, the business community must also move in tandem with the global shift towards environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles. Above and beyond the moral imperative to do so, it is also a strategic necessity - enabling businesses to be better positioned to manage risks, enhance reputations and seize new market opportunities.

As we move forward, we must explore the potential of green technology and innovation to meet our environmental and developmental imperatives. Advances in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and green infrastructure, to name a few examples, hold key to unlocking new

economic opportunities, attracting foreign investors and nurturing social inclusivity while promoting environmental sustainability.

Nevertheless, we recognise that transforming and decarbonising the economy towards net zero requires substantial investments in technology and infrastructure.

This is a shared responsibility and requires a collaborative approach by the government and the private sector to scale up green financing for climate action and sustainability.

It requires a paradigm shift underpinned by coordinated policies, advancement in technologies, changes in behaviour and market interventions to spur transformation in our social practices, societal norms, and business models.

In rising up and meeting our challenge, we must remember that this goes far beyond environmental and developmental imperatives. There is a moral duty for us to preserve the planet for future generations.

The choice is ours: if we want the actions that we take today to be the foundations of our legacy for tomorrow, or a mere footnote in history pockmarked with missed opportunities and inaction.

Done right, we can contribute to a world that is more sustainable, more just and more equitable for all. Armed with urgency and purpose, we must seize this opportunity and lead by example, going beyond commitment with concrete actions and initiatives.

As we move forward, we must work as a collective, sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices to address these joint challenges. Guided by the principles enshrined in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we can create a future that is sustainable, inclusive and equitable.

The time to act is now - let us build a legacy of overcoming this adversity together with resilience, innovation and sustainability.

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WE are confronted with alarming news of the climate and environmental crisis daily, exemplified by record-breaking floods, typhoons and droughts.

No one country is insulated from this transboundary challenge, underscoring the inherent interconnectedness of our planet, and the shared responsibility we bear in addressing them.

We stand at a crossroads today. As we navigate these complexities, it is clear that

traditional methods and business as usual are woefully inadequate.

We must thus pivot and adopt sustainable practices, embrace green technology and foster innovation to effectively combat the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change and environmental degradation.

The time for incremental change has passed - we now require nothing short of transformative actions whose boldness is only matched by the courage-needed to

