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PRESS STATEMENT

NRES STRENGTHENS MALAYSIA'S CLIMATE ACTION COMMITMENT THROUGH THE ASEAN-KOREA METHANE MITIGATION PROJECT

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) has reinforced Malaysia's commitment to climate action through the ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Project for Methane Mitigation (AKCMM).

The AKCMM is a regional initiative valued at USD 20 million, funded by the ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund (AKCF) and is being implemented across nine (9) ASEAN Member States including Malaysia, from 2024 to 2027.

This strategic collaboration is carried out in partnership with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) as the implementing partner for the Partnership to Advance the Regional Methane Action (PARMA) which was announced during the ASEAN-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting in 2023. This initiative highlights NRES's key role in driving the national environmental agenda while supporting ASEAN's aspiration to build a climate-resilient community.

This commitment was further reinforced through Malaysia's participation, alongside more than 150 countries during the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in 2021. Malaysia has pledged to collectively reduce global methane emissions by at least 30% from 2020 by 2030. To this end, Malaysia will work closely with industry stakeholders to develop a national methane reduction framework and action by the end of the project.

The ASEAN-Korea Methane Mitigation Project was officially launched by the Deputy Secretary General (Environmental Sustainability) of NRES, Datuk Nor Yahati Awang, in conjunction with the 36th ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN) Meeting held in Langkawi today. The event was also attended by ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General for the Socio-Cultural Community, Chiden Balmes; GGGI's Asia Regional Director, H.E. San Lwin; Jisun Jun, representative of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Malaysia and ASOEN delegates.

On the other hand, Malaysia welcomed the potential for environmental collaboration between ASEAN and both the United States and China. During the 4th ASEAN-US High Level Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change and the 22nd ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on the Environment, Malaysia underscores its commitment to strengthening regional strategic partnerships in addressing environmental and climate challenges.

Malaysia believes that collaboration with key partner countries such as the United States and China will facilitate the sharing of best practices, technology transfer and technical expertise which are crucial in advancing sustainable development efforts across the region.

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