



# MITI SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



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# **Abbreviations**

ABMS Anti-Bribery Management System
AEDs Automated External Defibrillators

AFTA ASEAN Free Trade Area

AIMS Sistem Pengurusan Integriti Agensi
AKI Anugerah Kecemerlangan Industri

AKKP Anugerah Khas Keselamatan Perlindungan AKRAB Rakan Pembimbing Perkhidmatan Awam

AP Approved Permit

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATIGA ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement

BCS Biopharmaceutics Classification System

BEI Building Energy Index

BPM Information Management Division

CDO Chief Digital Officer

CGSO Chief Government Security Office

CH4 methane

CLBG Company Limited by Guarantee

COO Certificate of Origin
CO carbon monoxide
CO2 carbon dioxide

COVID-19 Coronavirus disease 2019

CPTPP Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

CPU Central Processing Unit

CREST Collaborative Research in Engineering, Science & Technology

CSIRT Computer Security Incident Response Team

CSR Corporate Social Responsibility
CWC Chemical Weapons Convention
DDoS Distributed Denial of Service
DKICT Dasar Keselamatan ICT MITI

DoS Denial of service

DOSH Department of Occupational Safety and Health

DOSM Department of Statistics Malaysia
DPMM Dewan Perniagaan Melayu Malaysia

DRP Disaster Recovery Plan

JSM Department of Standards Malaysia

EC Energy Commission
EE Energy Efficiency

EKSA Ekosistem Kondusif Sektor Awam / Public Sector Conducive Ecosystem /

EPT External Penetration Test

ESG Environmental, Social and Governance

EST Emergency Services Team

EU European Union

EXIM Bank Export-Import Bank of Malaysia Berhad
FMM Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers

FTA Free Trade Agreement
GBI Green Building Index

GCERT Government Computer Emergency Response Team

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GHG Greenhouse gas

GLCs Government-Linked Companies
GRI Global Reporting Initiative

GSEP Government Sustainability Engagement Programme

HDC Halal Development Corporation

HFCs hydrofluorocarbons

HLP Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan

HQ Headquarters
HR Human Resource

HRMIS Human Resources Management Information System ICT Information and Communications Technology

ICTSO Information and Communications Technology Security Officer

i-ESG Industry Environmental, Social and Governance

iGFMAS iGovernment Financial Management Accounting System

IP Internet Protocol

IPS Intrusion Prevention Systems
IPT Internal Penetration Test

ISBN International Standard Book Number
ISMS Information Security Management System

ISO/IEC International Organisation for Standardisation/International Electrotechnical Commission

ISSN International Standard Serial Number

JAR Jawatankuasa Anti-Rasuah

JFPSPAR Jawatankuasa Fungsi Pematuhan Sistem Pengurusan Anti-Rasuah

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

JPA Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam / Public Service Department JUSA Jawatan Utama Sektor Awam / Top Management Officers

kgCO2<sub>e</sub> kilogramme carbon dioxide emission equivalent
KPDN Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs

KPS Kadar Pusingan Stok
KSN Ketua Setiausaha Negara

kWh Kilowatt-hour

LED Light Emitting Diode

LG Lower Ground

LNPT Annual Assessment Performance Report

LOO List of Occupants m<sup>3</sup> cubic metre

MACC Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission

Malware Malicious Software Infection

MAMPU Unit Pemodenan Tadbiran dan Perancangan Pengurusan Malaysia

MARii Malaysia Automotive, Robotics and IoT Institute
MATRADE Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation

MICCI Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce & Industry

MIDA Malaysian Investment Development Authority
MIDF Malaysian Industrial Development Finance
MITI Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry

MNCs Multinational Corporations

MPC Malaysia Productivity Corporation

MPIH Malaysia's Halal Industry Development Council

MPK National Measurement Council
MRM Majlis Rekabentuk Malaysia

MS Malaysian Standard
MSI Malaysia Steel Institute

MSMEs Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises
MTEN National Economic Action Council

MyCERT Malaysia Computer Emergency Response Team
MyGPI Malaysia Government Performance index

MyMIS

Malaysian Public Sector Management of Information & Communications Technology Security Handbook

MySTEP Malaysia Short-Term Employment Programme

N2O nitrous oxide

NACSA National Cyber Security Agency

NADOPOD Notification of Accident, Dangerous Occurrence, Occupational Poisoning

and Occupational Disease

NAICO National Aerospace Industry Corporation

NC4 National Cyber Coordination and Command Centre

NCDs Non-communicable diseases NDA Non-Disclosure Agreement

NF3 nitrogen trifluoride

NGO Non-governmental organisation

NHI National Human Resource Institute

NIA National Investment Aspiration

NIMP New Industrial Master Plan

NMIM National Metrology Institute of Malaysia
NPCO Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Act
PCO Preferential Certificate of Origin
PDA Personal Data Protection Act
PdP Perkhidmatan kepada penerbit

PFCs perfluorocarbons

PGT Pergerakan Gaji Tahunan
PhD Doctor of Philosophy
PIA Permit Issuing Agencies

PKPA Pekeliling Kemajuan Pentadbiran Awam

PL Passenger Lift

PMR Penilaian Menengah Rendah

PMSB Putrajaya Management Sdn. Bhd.

POL Pelan Operasi Latihan

PPRRM Pelan Pengurusan Risiko Rasuah MITI PPSM Panel Pembangunan Sumber Manusia

PSP Digitalisation Strategic Plan
QAS Quality Assurance Scheme
R&D Research and development

RAKKSSA Rangka Kerja Keselamatan Siber Sektor Awam RCEP Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

RELA Jabatan Sukarelawan Malaysia

RM Ringgit Malaysia

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

SEDP Senior Executive Development Programme

SF6 sulphur hexafluoride

SIRIM Standard and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia

SISPAA Sistem Pengurusan Aduan Awam SOP Standard operating procedure SPA Security Posture Assessment SPM Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia

SSC Sustainability Steering Committee

STA Strategic Trade Act

STPM Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia SWC Sustainability Working Committee

TASKA Taman Asuhan Kanak-Kanak
TNA Training Needs Analysis

UN-SDGs United Nation-Sustainable Development Goals

WASA Web Application Security Assessment

WBF Flexible Working Hours

# Message from YB Minister, MITI

Entrusted with the vision of positioning Malaysia as the preferred investment destination and fostering a sustainable, industrial and competitive trading nation, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) is uniquely positioned to spearhead the manufacturing sector's adoption of a sustainability agenda. In line with our commitment to the sustainability agenda, MITI launched the Industry Environmental,

Social and Governance (i-ESG) Framework in 2023 to foster a more resilient manufacturing sector. One of the key initiatives within the Framework was to promote sustainability reporting aligned with global best practices, ensuring the industry's effectiveness in responding to the growing list of stakeholder expectations.

Given the imperative nature of sustainability disclosure in today's landscape, MITI remains dedicated to leading by example, as exemplified in the comprehensive insights provided within our inaugural Sustainability Report. Specifically, this report marks a significant milestone in our journey towards embedding sustainability at the core of the Ministry. In this context, we believe that the highlighted Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives are pivotal in communicating our commitment to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs) to our stakeholders.

I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the successful and timely publication of MITI sustainability report. Your invaluable insights, expertise and unwavering dedication have been instrumental in shaping a comprehensive document. Crucially, the ESG information contained within the report will serve as a critical baseline that guides us to continuously improve and refine our sustainability priorities and actions. As we move forward, I am confident that our report will inspire and motivate all stakeholders to join us in this noble endeavour. By working together, we can create a sustainable, inclusive and resilient Malaysia that sets a benchmark for the world.

Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz Minister Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry

# Message from the Secretary General, MITI

It is with great pride that I present the inaugural Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) 2024 Sustainability Report, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to a

sustainable future. The objective with this report is to convey a detailed account of our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) efforts, ambitions and impacts to our stakeholders. This report not only serves to provide a fundamental understanding of our sustainability baseline performance, and but also allows us to identify areas of improvement.

In line with current sustainability reporting guideline and best practices, this document is systematically structured to provide a detailed overview of the various ESG initiatives and measures implemented by MITI in 2023. When reflecting on the lessons and achievements, it is apparent that MITI has made substantial progress in becoming a socially and environmentally responsible organisation. Notable achievements include a significant milestone in gender diversity: our overall female workforce accounts for 61 percent of the total employees in MITI, notably, exceeding the government's target of 30 percent female representation in the top management and division head levels. Additionally, we have measured our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 (employees commuting and business travel), providing a comprehensive understanding of our environmental impact.

The shifting of cultural mindset and behaviour is a complex and gradual process. Nevertheless, through collaboration and a shared commitment to social equity and environmental stewardship, MITI, can, and will, impart meaningful change. It is my hope that this report will not only increase enthusiasm among our fellow *MITIans* but also inspire them to collaborate with our stakeholders in contributing to a sustainable world.

Hairil Yahri Yaacob Secretary General Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry

# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

# **About this Report**

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) Sustainability Report outlines our efforts and commitment to driving sustainability across our operations. We strive to continuously enhance and advance our approach to sustainability, fostering a culture of sustainability within the Ministry. This report is prepared <u>in reference with</u> the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) sustainability reporting standards. MITI transparently discloses all ascertainable information and data.

### **External Assurance**

This Report has been externally assured by ESGRight Sdn. Bhd., which has verified that the policies, initiatives and data disclosed here are accurate and acceptable. (Please refer to report of the <u>limited assurance</u> in pages 111 – 115) (as per scope of work mentioned in the Limited Assurance Report).

### Materiality

The information presented in this report addresses matters most material to our operations and stakeholders. We identify, prioritise and validate our material matters via a four-step materiality assessment<sup>1</sup>.

### **Reporting Scope and Boundaries**

The year 2023 marks the inaugural year of our reporting. The reporting period spans from 1 January to 31 December 2023, unless otherwise specified, encompassing the activities of MITI Headquarters (HQ) situated in Kuala Lumpur. Following are several reasons for this first report to focus on the HQ rather than extending the process to all branches:

- a) MITI HQ serves as the pilot location for sustainability reporting. This allows us to refine the data collection, analysis, and reporting processes before rolling them out to other branches;
- b) MITI HQ has better access to organisation-wide data, making it easier to gather and compile the necessary information for a comprehensive report; and
- c) The complexity of sustainability reporting increases with the number of branches involved. By focusing on the HQ first, we can manage the scope and scale of the project more effectively.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GRI 3: Material Topics Guideline.

# **Reporting Principles and Frameworks**

Contents of this Report have been developed with reference to the GRI Standards and UN-SDGs, while the i-ESGStart (1st Edition, 2023) was used as a reference document. All greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions data disclosed are guided by and refer to GHG Protocol.

### Feedback

We welcome feedback, suggestions and comments to help us improve our sustainability practices, reporting and overall performance. Kindly submit your feedback to:



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### A Glance at MITI

### Overview

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry was established in April 1956 and situated in Government Office, Jalan Raja. The Ministry was then renamed the Ministry of Trade and Industry in February 1972. On 27 October 1990, the Ministry was separated into two Ministries, namely:

- Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI); and
- Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDN).

On 12 April 2023, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) announced that it had changed its name to the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry. Nevertheless, the acronym remains as MITI. This aligns with the Ministry's responsibility and function to attract foreign investment, empower local investment, strengthen international trade and empower sustainable industrial development for the continuation of the country's economic redevelopment as outlined by the *Madani* Government<sup>2</sup>.

### Vision

Malaysia as the preferred investment destination, sustainable industrial and competitive trading nation.

### Mission

To attract quality and high value investments, strengthens and maintain the existing investments

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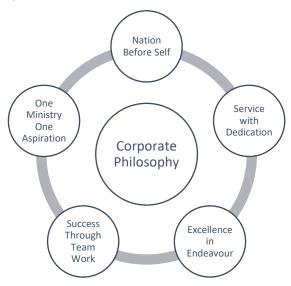
To provide a conducive business environment for sustainable and resilient industrial development

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To strengthen the export ecosystem and enhance the ability of Malaysian companies to remain relevant in the international market

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Malaysia Madani is a policy framework and government slogan introduced by the administration led by the 10th Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim. The concept focuses mainly on good governance, sustainable development and racial harmony in the country. (Source: https://malaysiamadani.gov.my/)

# **Corporate Philosophy**



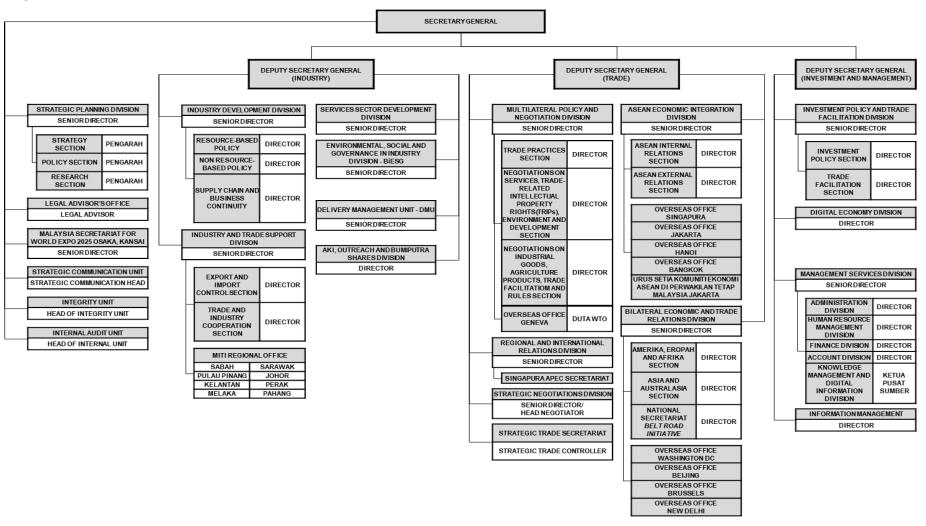
# **Objectives**

- To formulate and implement investment, trade and industrial policies to generate sustainable economic growth
- To create innovative and high skilled employment opportunities for Malaysia's growing workforce
- To drive Malaysia towards a developed nation and enhance the wellbeing of the rakyat

# **Functions**

To develop and implement policies on industrial	To attract quality foreign and domestic investments	
development, international trade and investment		
To promote and increase Malaysia's exports of high	To enhance national productivity and	
value-added goods and services by strengthening	competitiveness, particularly in manufacturing and	
bilateral, regional and multilateral trade relations	services sectors	
and cooperation		
To ensure a conducive business ecosystem to	To provide credible standardisation, accreditation	
facilitate trade and investment	and conformity assessment services to enhance	
	societal and environmental wellbeing as well as	
	facilitate trade and economic growth	
To promote and accelerate adoption of digitalisation	To facilitate the development of small and medium	
and innovative technologies, including data-driven	enterprises, including homegrown industries, and	
policies, towards growing globally competitive	the Bumiputera community to become globally	
industries	competitive and integrate into the global value	
	chain	

# Organisation Chart<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For functions of each division, please refer to https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/edirectory/edirectory\_list/4

# Management Profile



YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz

Minister



YB Liew Chin Tong

**Deputy Minister** 



YBhg Dato' Hairil Yahri Yaacob

Secretary General



YBhg Datuk Hanafi Sakri

Deputy Secretary General (Industry)



YBrs. Puan Mastura Ahmad Mustafa

Deputy Secretary General (Trade)



YBhg. Datuk Bahria Mohd Tamil

Deputy Secretary General (Investment and Management)

### MITI Offices Abroad

The overseas offices of MITI monitor and evaluate economic developments, trade policies, and investment procedures that impact Malaysia, reporting their findings to headquarters, relevant ministries, and private sector organisations. They track multilateral trade and investments abroad, report on trade measures like anti-dumping actions, and update on changes in foreign trade laws and sanctions. These offices respond to trade and investment issues, assist Malaysian companies with cross-border investments by providing information on incentives and regulations, and strengthen networks with government officials, private organisations, and international bodies. They also promote trade and multilateral negotiations, organise trade missions and seminars, and manage official visits of MITI ministers and other high-ranking officials. (For more information on MITI overseas, please refer to: https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/2020?mid=714).

### MITI's Offices Abroad



# MITI's Regional Offices

MITI Regional Offices are situated in Johor, Kelantan, Pahang, Perak, Pulau Pinang, Sabah and Sarawak. They play an important role with respect to coordinating issues relating to trade and industry at the state level. The Directors are also the focal point for resolving issues between the Federal and the State Governments. They cooperate with state's chambers, associations and the private sector to facilitate trade and industry matters. Apart from that, the regional offices monitor and report to MITI HQ the latest developments in the implementation of trade and industrialisation policies at the state level such as Bumiputera participation, development, vendor, factory closures, the environment and others. (For more information on MITI regional:

https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/79?mid=717).





# Agencies Under the Purview of MITI<sup>4</sup>

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MOLOGOPHINGS SEAT EXCLOPINE V. COLL CORREY	Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) Incorporated in 1967 as a statutory body under the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA) Act. MIDA's mandate is to harmonise government promotion efforts, optimise resources, and establish effective structured investment promotion agency (IPA) governance. This empowers MIDA to attract investments, fostering positive economic spill-over effects, and aligning with national goals.  (https://www.mida.gov.my)
// IATRADE	Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) Incorporated in 1992 as a statutory body under the Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) Act. MATRADE's mission is to promote Malaysia's export which has enabled many local companies to carve new frontiers in global markets.  (https://www.matrade.gov.my)
PERBADAMAN PRODUKTIVITI MALAYSIA	Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) MPC is a federal statutory body under MITI. MPC drives productivity and competitiveness improvement holistically at national, sectoral and enterprise levels guided by five (5) thrusts, comprising development of future workforce, accountable for productivity, digitalisation and innovation, forging robust ecosystem and productive mindset. MPC collaborates strategically with the private and public sectors to forge productivity as the game changer in boosting productivity and competitiveness of the nation towards wellbeing and prosperity. (https://www.mpc.gov.my)
A member of MSSB Group	Malaysian Industrial Development Finance (MIDF) MIDF Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Malaysia Building Society Berhad (MBSB), is a financial services provider in three (3) core business areas: investment banking, development finance and asset management. ( <a href="https://www.midf.gov.my">https://www.midf.gov.my</a> )
MALAYSIA STEEL INSTITUTE	Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI) MSI is an industry driven enterprise supported and funded by MITI on shared responsibility basis with the industry. MSI is responsible for facilitating and providing input to support the government in policy formulation, facilitating R&D, and facilitating standards development through consultation with relevant government agencies and the iron and steel industry.  (https://my.msi.com)
HDC	Halal Development Corporation (HDC) Incorporated in 2006, HDC spearheads the development of Malaysia's integrated and comprehensive halal ecosystem and infrastructure to position Malaysia as the most competitive country leading the global halal industry.  (https://hdcglobal.com)

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$  Agencies are set to publish their own sustainability reports, with some having already done so.

SIRIM	Standard and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM)  SIRIM is wholly-owned by the Minister of Finance (Incorporated). With over forty years of experience and expertise, SIRIM is mandated as the machinery for research and technology development, and the national champion of quality. SIRIM focuses on developing new technologies and improvements in the manufacturing, technology and services sectors. (https://www.sirim.my)		
CREST	Collaborative Research in Engineering, Science & Technology (CREST) CREST is an agency of MITI which was formed to address Malaysia's E&E needs to grow the R&D&C ecosystem through market driven collaborative R&D and Talent Development. CREST serves as a catalyst that connects industry, academia, and government, bringing them together to collaborate and collectively create solutions for the ecosystem.  ( <a href="https://crest.my">https://crest.my</a> )		
<b>⊘NAICO</b>	National Aerospace Industry Corporation (NAICO)  NAICO Malaysia is mandated to monitor the development of the Malaysian aerospace industry in line with the initiatives of the 12th Malaysia Plan, ensuring that the industry achieves its desired goals outlined in the Malaysia Aerospace Blueprint 2030.  ( <a href="https://www.naicomalaysia.my">https://www.naicomalaysia.my</a> )		
MARii	Malaysia Automotive, Robotics and IoT Institute (MARii)  MARii is an agency under MITI which serves to promote the development of smart systems through the implementation of digital technologies with a special focus on big data analytics and artificial intelligence, including automotive and connected mobility ecosystem.  ( <a href="https://marii.my">https://marii.my</a> )		
INVESTICAL	InvestKL InvestKL is an investment promotion agency for Greater Kuala Lumpur, which attracts and facilitates the establishment of global services hubs by the world's leading companies. As a holistic partner, InvestKL is involved in every stage of the investment process, from a partner in early project implementation to post-investment services.  (https://www.investkl.gov.my)		
	EXIM Bank		
EXIM BANK WATAYATA	As a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Minister of Finance (Incorporated), the Bank was established to promote reverse investment and export of strategic sectors such as capital goods, infrastructure projects, shipping, value added manufactured products and to facilitate the entry of Malaysian companies to new markets, particularly to the non-traditional markets. <a href="https://www.exim.com.my">https://www.exim.com.my</a> )		
STANDARDS MALAYSIA	Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM)  JSM is a Federal Department which serves as the National Standards Body and National Accreditation Body. JSM is responsible to develop and promote the usage of Malaysian Standards (MS); as well as providing		

	accreditation services to laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies.  (https://www.jsm.gov.my)
MRMS MARKET MARK	Majlis Rekabentuk Malaysia (MRM) MRM ensures the development of innovation and design in Malaysia while enhancing expertise, capabilities and proficiency in industrial design.  ( <a href="https://mxww.mrm.gov.my">https://mxww.mrm.gov.my</a> )
NOWING BY ACCOUNT	National Measurement Council (MPK)  National Measurement Council (MPK) is responsible for advising on all matters related to the national policy objectives for measurement activities as stipulated in Part IV of the National Measurement System Act 2007 (Act 675). MPK also plays a role in enhancing international confidence in measurement activities in Malaysia by prioritising the public interest in trade, health, safety, and the environment. National Metrology Institute of Malaysia (NMIM) serves as the Secretariat for MPK. (https://www.nmim.gov.my)

# Policies Launched in 2023

Policy Documents		Objectives		
		Advance Economic Complexity		
-220		Tech up for digital vibrant nation		
INDUSTRIAL AMASTER PLAN 2030	New Industrial	Push for Net Zero		
	Master Plan 2030	Safeguard Economic Security and Inclusivity		
	(NIMP 2030)	(For more information, please refer to <a href="https://www.nimp2030.gov.my/">https://www.nimp2030.gov.my/</a> )		
	i-ESG Framework	Build and strengthen a system to encourage and enhance ESG practices in the manufacturing sector  (For more information, please refer to <a href="https://www.miti.gov.my/miti/resources/IESG/BookletFramework_FA.pdf">https://www.miti.gov.my/miti/resources/IESG/BookletFramework_FA.pdf</a> )		
		,		
		Increase the value add from building blocks Enhance industry integration Increase competitiveness of the chemical industry		
Chémical Industry Roadmap 2010	Chemical Industry Roadmap 2030	Improve the sustainability of the industry		
	·	Introduce new technology		
		(For more information, please refer to <a href="https://www.miti.gov.my/miti/resources/CIR20">https://www.miti.gov.my/miti/resources/CIR20</a> <a href="mailto:30/CIR2030_Booklet.pdf">30/CIR2030_Booklet.pdf</a> )		
MITI MEPORT 2022	MITI Annual Report 2022	MITI's achievements in terms of industry development, trade and investment performances  Challenges in domestic and international economics  (For more information, please refer to https://www.miti.gov.my/miti/resources/MITI% 20Report/MITI_REPORT_2022.pdf)		

### MITI's Services

As an entity under the General Public Administration activities<sup>5</sup>, MITI provides the following services:

- a. Approved permits: Approved Permit (AP) is an import and export license issued by the Permit Issuing Agencies (PIAs) under the Customs Act 1967. For products such as vehicle, iron & steel, heavy machinery, chemical weapons convention (CWC) chemicals;
- b. Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO): prove the origin status of a product. It also acts as an import document to the customs of importing country in order for a product to enjoy tariff concession. Allows buyer to pay lower customs duty or total removal of customs duty when exporting goods under a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) or Scheme of Preferences; and
- c. To date, Malaysia has signed and implemented a total of 16 FTAs (seven (7) bilateral FTAs and nine (9) regional FTAs). Notably, in 2022, Malaysia implemented two mega-FTAs, namely Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Currently, there is one (1) FTA under negotiation, i.e. Malaysia-European Free Trade Association Economic Partnership Agreement (MEEPA).

### **Bilateral Free Trade Agreements**

FTA	Date of Entry into Force
	(EIF)
1. Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership	13 July 2006
Agreement (MJEPA)	
2. Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership	1 January 2008
Agreement (MPCEPA)	
3. Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement	1 August 2010
(MNZFTA)	
4. Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic	1 July 2011
Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)	
5. Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)	25 February 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> MALAYSIA STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (MSIC) - 8411 GENERAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES.

	FTA	Date of Entry into Force	
		(EIF)	
6.	Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement	1 January 2013	
	(MAFTA)		
7.	Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement	1 August 2015	
	(MTFTA)		

# Regional Free Trade Agreements

Date of Entry into Force	
(EIF)	
1993	
1 July 2003	
1 July 2006	
1 February 2009	
1 January 2010	
1 January 2010	
13 October 2019	
18 March 2022	
29 November 2022	

d. Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin (NPCO): A NPCO is a trade document that helps to identify the origin of the good. NPCOs are issued by chambers and associations authorised by MITI. Among the chambers and associations are Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM), *Dewan Perniagaan Melayu Malaysia* (DPMM), Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MICCI);

- e. MITI has established a Strategic Trade Secretariat (STS) on 1 August 2010 to coordinate the implementation of the Strategic Trade Act (STA) 2010<sup>6</sup>. STS is led by a Strategic Trade Controller to perform functions that include:
  - to control and monitor the issuance of export/ transit / tranship permits and/or broker certificates and the use of strategic items and related matters;
  - to provide advice to the Minister and the Government on matters relating to the STA 2010 and the development thereof and the implications of such developments for Malaysia;
  - iii. to establish, maintain and develop cooperation with other organizations relating to strategic trade;
  - iv. to implement the obligations arising from agreements, conventions or treaties relating to strategic trade to which Malaysia is a party where such agreements, conventions or treaties related to the STA 2010; and
  - v. to implement, coordinate and ensure the development and growth of the industry sectors in Malaysia to grow in line with the Industrial Policies and the provisions of the acts and rules and regulations.
- f. Allotment of Special Bumiputera Shares which are special shares allocated only to Bumiputera<sup>7</sup>. It involves offers by companies to:
  - i. tiers:
  - ii. foundation;
  - iii. cooperatives;
  - iv. companies; and
  - v. individual.

<sup>6</sup> Strategic Trade Act is an Act to provide for control over the export, transhipment, transit and brokering of strategic items, including arms and related material, and other activities that will or may facilitate the design, development and production of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems and to provide for other matters connected therewith, consistent with Malaysia's national security and international obligations. For further information, please refer to https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/sta2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Bumiputera - https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/377?mid=1141.

# **Awards and Accolades**

No	Item	Award	Year	Awarded/Recognised by
1	Information Security Management System	ISO/IEC 27001:2013	Jun 2022 - Jun	SIRIM QAS International
	(ISMS) Pengurusan dan Pengoperasian Pusat	Information Technology-Security	2025	
	Data dan Sistem Peruntukan Saham Khas	Techniques-Information Security		
	Bumiputera	Management Systems-Requirements		
2	Public Sector Conducive Ecosystem	Excellence	2021 - 2023	MAMPU
	Ekosistem Kondusif Sektor Awam (EKSA)			
3	Malaysia Government Performance Index	Gold 1	2022 - 2023	MAMPU
	(MyGPI), 2022 - 2023			
4	Green Building Gold Standard	Anugerah Khas Datuk Bandar Dewan	30 August 2023	Kuala Lumpur City Hall
		Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur		
5	Program Pendidikan dan Promosi Kesihatan	Sijil Penghargaan	2023	Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya
	Jabatan Kesihatan Wilayah Persekutuan			Health Department
	Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya			
6	Program Keceriaan Antara Kementerian	Five (5) star rating	2023	Ministry of Communication and
	Sempena Sambutan Bulan Kebangsaan 2023			Digital
7	Cashless Campaign	100 percent Digital Payment	2023	Ministry of Finance
	(Kempen Cashless Boleh 3.0)	<b>Utilisation Rate</b>		

No	Item	Award	Year	Awarded/Recognised by
8	Green Building Index (GBI) <sup>8</sup>	Gold (Renewal Verification	2022 - 2025	GBI Accreditation Panel
		Assessment)		
9	Main Store Management	Kadar Pusingan Stok (KPS) 4.0 dan ke	2023	Ministry of Finance
	(Pengurusan Stor Utama)	atas bagi Tahun 2022		
10	Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS)	ISO/IEC 27001:2016	2023 - 2026	SIRIM QAS International
		MS ISO 37011:2016		
11	Anugerah Khas Keselamatan Perlindungan	5 Star (Excellence)	2023	Chief Government Security
	(AKKP)			Office, (CGSO)
12	Anugerah Pembangunan Negara Tahun	Winner	2023	Implementation Coordination
	2023			Unit, Prime Minister Office
	(Prestasi Pembangunan Terbaik			
	Peruntukan di bawah RM1 bilion)			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Green Building Index (GBI) is an environmental rating system for buildings developed by PAM (*Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia* / Malaysian Institute of Architects) and ACEM (the Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia). The GBI is Malaysia's first comprehensive rating system for evaluating the environmental design and performance of Malaysian buildings based on the six (6) main criteria of Energy Efficiency, Indoor Environment Quality, Sustainable Site Planning & Management, Materials & Resources, Water Efficiency, and Innovation.

# MITI Champions ESG Integration in the Manufacturing Sector

In September 2023, MITI initiated the rollout of the New Industrial Master Plan 2030 (NIMP 2030), with its third mission, "Push for Net Zero", geared towards addressing climate change by striving for a Net Zero future. As a ministry dedicated to fostering sustainable practices within the manufacturing sector, MITI is committed to upholding robust ESG standards. Recognising our pivotal role in championing sustainability among industry stakeholders, we continuously explore avenues to embed sustainability principles into our operational framework, thereby contributing to both economic prosperity and societal advancement.

One of the key milestones outlined in the NIMP 2030 is the introduction of the Industry ESG Framework (i-ESG Framework) in October 2023. This Framework is designed to establish and fortify a comprehensive system aimed at promoting and enhancing ESG practices within the manufacturing domain. Comprising four (4) essential components—Standards, Capacity Building, Financing, and Market Mechanisms—the i-ESG Framework encompasses a range of impactful initiatives:

- a. i-ESGReady: A self-assessment tool enabling companies to gauge their ESG adoption level, categorised as basic, limited, evolving, or advanced.
- b. KenalESG: A nationwide awareness programme aimed at fostering understanding and engagement on ESG principles among stakeholders in the manufacturing sector.
- c. i-ESGStart: An inclusive toolkit featuring essential resources, templates, and illustrative examples aligned with both local and international standards, tailored to assist Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in developing their sustainability reporting.
- d. ESGClinic: A personalised guidance session offering support on effective utilisation the i-ESGStart toolkit.
- e. ESGMentor: A mentorship initiative pairing seasoned mentors from multinational corporations (MNCs) and large enterprises with organisations seeking guidance and support in integrating ESG principles into their operations.
- f. Government Sustainability Engagement Programme (GSEP): A sustainability knowledge enhancement programme among government agencies and ministries.
- g. Sustainability Report: MITI underscores its dedication to ESG and sustainability by publishing its <u>inaugural sustainability report for 2023</u>. This report highlights

key ESG metrics pertinent to MITI, showcasing the Ministry's alignment with stated principles and its contribution to sustainable development.

By implementing the i-ESG Framework and associated initiatives, MITI underscores its dedication to promoting responsible and sustainable practices within the manufacturing sector. Through capacity building, financial support, and market mechanisms, MITI seeks to empower businesses to embrace ESG principles and drive positive ESG outcomes. Additionally, the Ministry's own sustainability report serves as a transparent reflection of its commitment to ESG integration and accountability, reinforcing MITI's leadership in fostering sustainable development within Malaysia.

# MITI's Sustainability Framework

To align with Strategy B2 (Deliverable B2.2) of the i-ESG Framework, which calls for the appointment of sustainability officers within government organisations to produce sustainability reports and set targets for achieving the SDGs, MITI has adopted a structured and strategic approach. This initiative integrates ESG considerations into decision-making processes and operations. By embedding ESG principles at the core of its policies, MITI aims to drive sustainable growth, enhance transparency, and ensure accountability, while actively contributing to the nation's progress toward the SDGs.

As an initial step, MITI has established a sustainability governance structure to effectively disseminate its ESG agenda across the organisation. At the forefront of MITI's sustainability initiatives is its leadership team, supported by the appointment of a dedicated sustainability officer and the formation of a Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) and Sustainability Working Committee (SWC). These committees are tasked with oversight and assumes overarching responsibility for all key ESG material aspects within the organisation, as detailed below:

# Key focus areas9

Economic	Environmental	Social	Governance
Economic Growth	GHG Emissions	Employees'	Anti-corruption
	Energy	Wellbeing	Data Privacy and
	Water	Career Development	Security
	Waste	Safety and Health	Government
		Diversity	Procurement
		Community	
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# MITI's Sustainability Governance

At MITI, sustainability governance is paramount, structured to ensure effective oversight and implementation of sustainability endeavours:

# Apex Governance

Under the leadership of the Secretary General, who oversees the highest levels of sustainability strategy and execution, MITI has integrated key sustainability metrics into the Secretary General's core performance indicators. These KPIs include enhancing energy efficiency, increasing waste recycling, promoting sustainable sourcing, and ensuring workforce diversity and wellbeing. By embedding these into the Secretary General's top three (3) KPIs, MITI underscores the critical importance of advancing the sustainability agenda.

Sustainability Officer and Assistant Sustainability Officer
 Appointed to spearhead and coordinate sustainability initiatives, serving as a focal point for sustainability efforts.

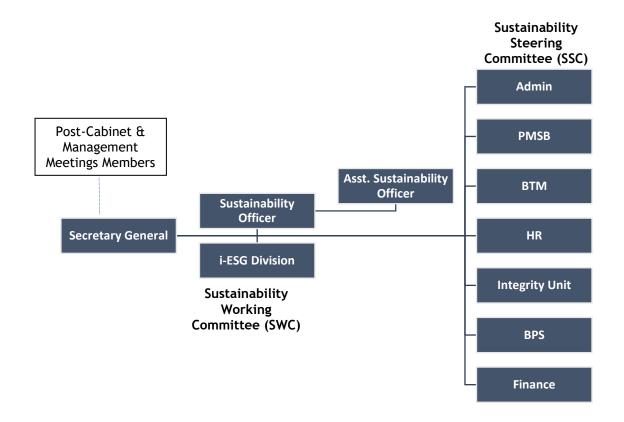
# Sustainability Working Committee (SWC) Comprised of officers from the i-ESG Division across various units. Led by Unit Social (S) of the i-ESG Division, this committee is responsible for coordinating and organising sustainability reporting, as well as managing related meetings and workshops.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> These focus areas are linked to SDGs in Chapter 7.

 Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC)
 Comprising directors and senior leaders across functions, this committee ensures strategic alignment and drives the execution of sustainability initiatives.

# MITI's Sustainability Governance Structure



In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, ESG matters at MITI are overseen by the highest level of authority, the Secretary General. The findings of the sustainability report are presented at the Management Meeting, chaired by the Secretary General, and subsequently endorsed at the Post Cabinet Meeting, chaired by the Minister. Members of these meetings have direct oversight of ESG matters, including related risks and opportunities across the short, medium, and long-term. They ensure that sustainability issues such as climate change, employee welfare, and supply chain management are integrated into MITI's strategic direction.

The execution of sustainability initiatives is further supported by MITI's Sustainability Officers, along with the SSC and SWC, ensuring effective implementation and alignment with our overarching ESG goals.

Roles	Responsibilities
Post-Cabinet Meeting	Endorses the sustainability reports to be assured and published
Management Meeting	Sets MITI's sustainability strategy and direction, goals and objectives, and regularly reviews the progress that has been made
Sustainability Officer and Assistant Sustainability Officer	Spearhead and coordinate sustainability initiatives, serving as a focal point for sustainability efforts.
	Chairs the SWC (whenever needed) and SSC (quarterly) meetings to identify material topics as well as to determine the risks and opportunities related to the material matters.
	Oversees stakeholder engagement and the materiality assessment.
	<ul> <li>Ensures processes and controls are in place across the ministry for the successful implementation of sustainability strategies, and reports on the organisation's ESG performance.</li> </ul>
	Reviews the effectiveness of sustainability compliance framework, assess any regulatory changes, and update processes accordingly.
Sustainability Working Committee (SWC)	Meets whenever needed to ensure robustness of systems and processes in sustainability management.
	Provides the SSC with technical knowledge to help to collect data and draft MITI's sustainability report.

Roles	Responsibilities		
	Organise and coordinate meetings and workshops to identify material topics and draft the sustainability report.		
	<ul> <li>Manage the entire process of writing, editing, and publishing the sustainability report, culminating in its official launch.</li> </ul>		
Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC)	Meets on a quarterly basis to monitor progress on sustainability performance		
	<ul> <li>Monitors economic, environmental, social and governance risks related to MITI's operations and strategy.</li> </ul>		
	Approves targets and ESG disclosures.		

# Key Features of MITI's Sustainability Reporting

### Transparency and Reporting

MITI is dedicated to transparent sustainability practices, employing robust reporting mechanisms:

o Comprehensive Sustainability Reports

To produce biannual sustainability reports to offer comprehensive insights into achievements, challenges and future strategies related to sustainability goals. Additionally, annual emissions data will be included as part of the MITI Annual Report, ensuring transparency and consistency in reporting environmental impacts.

Independent Assurance

To undergo independent verification to bolster credibility and ensure accuracy in reporting.

# Stakeholder Engagement

MITI actively collaborates with diverse stakeholders to foster inclusivity and address pertinent concerns:

o Inclusive Involvement

Engagement spans industry players, employees, suppliers, NGOs, communities and governmental entities to comprehend and mitigate concerns, anticipate regulatory shifts and foster collaborative sustainability endeavours. (For details, please refer to pages 31 - 33)

### **Employee Participation**

MITI cultivates employee involvement in sustainability endeavours through various initiatives:

o Training and Resources

Equips employees with the necessary knowledge and tools to comprehend and contribute to sustainability goals. (For details, please refer to page 55)

o Incentivisation and Performance Alignment

Links sustainability performance to employee incentives and performance evaluations, nurturing a culture of accountability and engagement.

### Cross-Functional Integration

o By involving members from diverse divisions, MITI ensures the integration of sustainability initiatives throughout the entire organisation. This approach fosters a holistic understanding of sustainability goals and aligns them with departmental objectives. Each division contributes unique perspectives and expertise, leading to more comprehensive and effective sustainability strategies. Additionally, this collaborative effort promotes cross-functional communication and ensures that sustainability is embedded in every aspect of the organisation's operations, from strategic planning to daily activities. As a result, MITI can more effectively drive sustainable development and achieve long-term environmental, social, and economic benefits.

In conclusion, MITI's sustainability governance framework epitomises a holistic approach to embedding sustainability within its operations. With a steadfast commitment to transparency, proactive stakeholder engagement, and employee involvement, MITI aligns with leading practices in sustainability governance and dedicates to realising enduring environmental and social objectives.

# The Role of the Highest Governance Body in Sustainability Reporting

The highest governance body (members of the Post-cabinet and Management Meeting) plays a critical role in sustainability reporting by providing strategic direction, oversight, and accountability. This ensures that sustainability efforts are aligned with the organisation's overall mission, values, and long-term goals. Here are the key roles of the highest governance body in sustainability reporting.

Strategic Direction and Oversight					
Role		Actions			
0	Establish the vision and strategic	0	Approve the sustainability strategy		
	direction for the organisation's		and policies		
	sustainability initiatives	0	Monitor the implementation and		
0	Ensure sustainability goals and		progress of sustainability initiatives		
	objectives are integrated into the				
	overall strategy				
Approval of Material Topics					
Role		Actions			

- Review and endorse the material topics identified for sustainability reporting
- Ensure these topics reflect the significant economic, environmental, and social impacts of the organisation
- Engage in discussions and deliberations on material topics
- Approve the final list of material topics to be included in sustainability reports
- Ensure stakeholder interests and concerns are considered in the materiality assessment

# Ensuring Compliance and Risk Management Role Actions Oversee compliance with relevant Establish a compliance framework for sustainability regulations, standards, sustainability reporting (Refer to Box and frameworks 1: MITI's Compliance Framework for o Identify and manage sustainability-Sustainability Reporting) related risks and opportunities o Regularly review risk management processes related to sustainability Ensure the organisation's reporting practices adhere to global standards

# **Accountability and Transparency** Role Actions Foster a culture of accountability and Approve the biannual sustainability report before publication transparency in sustainability reporting o Ensure accurate, reliable, and timely o Ensure the report provides a balanced disclosure of sustainability performance view of the organisation's sustainability performance Engage with external auditors or third-party verifiers to validate the sustainability data Stakeholder Engagement Role **Actions**

Ensure meaningful engagement with stakeholders to understand their concerns and expectations regarding sustainability
 Oversee the stakeholder engagement process
 Ensure stakeholder feedback is incorporated into sustainability strategies and reporting.

		0	Maintain ongoing dialogue with key stakeholders to build trust and credibility
Performance Evaluation a			Continuous Improvement
	Role		Actions
0	Evaluate the effectiveness of	0	Review sustainability performance
	sustainability initiatives and		metrics and KPIs.
	performance against set targets	0	Identify areas for improvement and
0	Promote continuous improvement in		drive initiatives for enhanced
	sustainability practices		sustainability performance.
		0	Ensure leading performance in
			sustainability

## MITI's Compliance Framework for Sustainability Reporting

## 1. Understand Regulatory Requirements and Standards

## a. Regulations

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), as the custodian of the nation's manufacturing sector, is committed to advancing the sustainability reporting agenda. With the launch of the i-ESG Framework under Strategy B2, MITI has initiated efforts to appoint a dedicated Sustainability Officer and produce a comprehensive sustainability report for the Ministry. This initiative aims to reinforce MITI's leadership in sustainable practices and set a benchmark for the sector.

#### b. Standard

MITI decides to adopt the GRI Standards for sustainability reporting.

#### 2. Establish Governance Structure

## a. Oversight by Top Management

MITI's Secretary General appoints the Sustainability and Assistant Sustainability Officers to monitor sustainability risks and reporting.

## b. Sustainability Steering Committee

A cross-functional Sustainability Committee is established, including representatives from Finance Division, Human Resource Division, Information Management Division, Strategic Planning Division, Administration Division, i-ESG Division and Integrity Unit. This committee is chaired by MITI's Sustainability Officer, who reports directly to the Secretary General.

## c. Accountability

The Sustainability Officer is responsible for ensuring that sustainability initiatives are integrated across the organisation and that reporting complies with regulations and standards.

## 3. Define Reporting Scope and Boundaries

#### a. Materiality Assessment

MITI conducts a materiality assessment to identify the most significant sustainability issues, such as carbon emissions, energy usage, labour practices, and governance.

## b. Reporting Boundaries

MITI decides to report on HQ for the first two (2) years of reporting. Subsequently, the reporting will include regional and overseas office. Meanwhile, agencies will conduct their own sustainability reporting.

## 4. Develop Reporting Processes and Controls

## a. Data Collection Systems

MITI implements a centralised sustainability data management system to collect data from all its divisions. This system integrates with existing financial and operational systems for efficiency.

## b. Internal Controls

MITI establishes a process where data is verified at the division level, reviewed by MITI's Sustainability Officer. For added credibility, MITI engages a third-party auditor to verify its sustainability data.

## c. Reporting Calendar

A detailed reporting calendar is created, mapping out data collection deadlines, internal reviews, third-party verification, and final report publication, ensuring alignment with the annual report.

## 5. Engage Stakeholders

## a. Stakeholder Engagement

MITI holds regular meetings with key stakeholders, including industry players, suppliers, and employees, to gather their input on sustainability priorities and reporting content.

#### b. Transparency and Communication

MITI commits to transparent communication by addressing both achievements and challenges in its sustainability report. It also includes stakeholder feedback and responses to ensure their concerns are addressed.

## 6. Training and Awareness

## a. Employee Training

MITI launches a ministry level training programme on sustainability, educating employees on the importance of sustainability and their role in data collection and compliance. Some identified officers have also attended the GRI Professional Certification.

## b. Continuous Improvement

Employees are encouraged to suggest improvements to sustainability practices, which are then reviewed and potentially integrated into the company's strategy.

#### 7. Monitor and Review

## a. Regular Reviews

The SSC meets quarterly to review the Framework's effectiveness, assess any regulatory changes, and update processes accordingly.

## b. Benchmarking

MITI will regularly benchmarks its sustainability reporting against best practices. This will help MITI to find ways to improve its sustainability practices.

## c. Feedback Loop

After the publication of the sustainability report, MITI will gather feedback from stakeholders and internal teams, using it to refine future reporting processes.

## 8. Reporting and Disclosure

MITI plans to publish its complete sustainability report biannually while the emission disclosure annually in alignment with the GRI Standards. The report will be made available on MITI's website and will be submitted to the relevant regulatory authorities as required. This ensures transparency, accountability, and adherence to global best practices in sustainability reporting.

#### 9. Outcome

MITI establishes a compliance framework for sustainability reporting, leading to enhanced transparency, improved stakeholder trust, and a strong reputation as a leader in sustainable practices among ministries in the country. This compliance framework helps MITI not only meet regulatory requirements but also drive continuous improvement in its sustainability practices.

# Stakeholder Engagements

	Highest Government Authority	
Why they are important  Hon. Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers, MITI Minister, Deputy MITI Minister and Chief Secretary are crucial stakeholders in various processes and projects due to their influential roles and responsibilities. They establish the long-term vision and strategic goals for the nation, ensuring that decisions align with national priorities and objectives. Their decisions influence national policies, economic strategies, and social programmes.	How we engage  Council meetings (e.g. Majlis Pelaburan Negara, Majlis Tindakan Ekonomi Negara, and Majlis Pembangunan Industri Halal) (at least twice a year)  Bilateral and multilateral Meetings (as needed)  Cabinet meetings (weekly)	Deliberating government new policies
	Clients	
Why they are important  Our clients encompass industry players, industry associations, chambers, business councils, investors, expatriates, trading partners and Government-Linked Companies (GLCs). We value each of our customers and prioritise their requirements, as well as the impact of the policies and programmes. We are committed to delivering optimal performance to meet our client's charter.	<ul> <li>MITI Dialogue (annually)</li> <li>AKI Roadshow (biennial)</li> <li>Outreach sessions (e.g. CPTPP and RCEP) (as needed)</li> <li>KenalESG (Outreach for ESG) (as needed)</li> <li>ESGClinics (as needed)</li> <li>Setahun Bersama Kerajaan Madani (annually)</li> <li>Festivities Networking Lunch (Hari Raya, Chinese New Year and Deepavali)</li> <li>Focus Group Discussions / Meetings (as needed)</li> <li>Courtesy Visits (as needed)</li> <li>Seminars / Workshops (as needed)</li> <li>MITI Pocket Talk (as needed)</li> <li>On-site Inspections (as needed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Areas of Concern</li> <li>Promoting economic growth through trade and investment activities as well as facilitating industrial development</li> <li>Understanding industry's requirement</li> <li>Understanding industry's issues and challenges</li> <li>Raising awareness on ESG, trade-related matters such as FTAs</li> <li>Issuing Certificate of Origin (COO)</li> <li>Identifying industry champions</li> <li>Ensuring data privacy and security</li> <li>Ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements</li> </ul>
	Employees	
Why they are important	How we engage	Areas of Concern

Our workforce and talent pool are important in formulating and delivering government policies. We cultivate a culture of high performance and accountability in implementing industry-relevant policies.	Townhall (annually) HR Open Day (annually) Monthly Assembly (monthly) Briefing on GBI (quarterly) Festive celebrations (Hari Raya, Chinese New Year and Deepavali) Sports event (annually) MITI Retreat (annually) Management Meetings (weekly) Post-cabinet Meetings (weekly) Orientation Programmes (as needed) Written correspondents such as emails, memo and newsletter (as needed)  Strategic Partners	<ul> <li>Instilling employee wellbeing</li> <li>Highlighting capacity building and career development</li> <li>Ensuring safe working environment</li> <li>Networking and harmony</li> <li>Setting Ministry's direction and priorities</li> <li>Deliberating overall Government's mandate and policies</li> <li>Updating latest developments and announcements</li> <li>Embedding diversity and inclusivity</li> </ul>
Why they are important	How we engage	Areas of Concern
Our strategic partners encompass other ministries and government agencies and regulators. Various policies formulated are interconnected and intertwined which need to be streamlined. Need to take whole-of-a-government approach.	<ul> <li>Jawatankuasa Bersama Industri (JBI) (quarterly)</li> <li>Government Sustainability Engagement Programme (GSEP) (quarterly)</li> <li>Meetings (as needed)</li> <li>Focus Group Discussions (as needed)</li> <li>Cabinet Meetings (weekly)</li> <li>INTAN (seminars, workshops, forums and working committees) (as needed)</li> <li>Steering and technical committees (as needed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promoting strategic collaboration</li> <li>Streamlining policies</li> <li>Sharing of knowledge and capacity building</li> <li>Raising awareness</li> <li>Formulating policies</li> <li>Achieving national goals</li> <li>Instilling good governance</li> </ul>
	Suppliers	
Why they are important	How we engage	Areas of Concern
Our suppliers provide us with products and services that enable us to execute our operations. We collaborate through partnerships to deliver the best value for our operations and mutual support for our role as a Ministry.	<ul> <li>Meetings (as needed)</li> <li>Vendor briefings (as needed)</li> <li>Networking events (as needed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Managing supply chain</li> <li>Understanding procurement policies</li> <li>Instilling transparency and good governance</li> <li>Evaluating suppliers</li> </ul>

Community				
Why they are important We operate within a diverse and rapidly developing economic region. We acknowledge that active community participation and engagement are essential component of our social licence to operate.	How we engage  • MITI Day (annually)  • Setahun Bersama Kerajaan Madani (annually)	Areas of Concern     Developing and enriching community     Raising awareness on government's policy     Contributing to economic growth and jobs creation		
Why they are important  How we engage  Areas of Concern				
The media provides a platform to communicate with our key stakeholders and local communities. Media channels serve as vital platforms through which we communicate various aspects of our operations, policies, initiatives and engagements. By utilising media channels, we disseminate Ministry's announcements, ensuring transparency and accountability in our operations.	<ul> <li>Media briefings (as needed)</li> <li>One-to-one interviews with the top management (as needed)</li> <li>Press conferences (as needed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Updating regularly on economic performance</li> <li>Ensuring transparent and timely response on government policies</li> <li>Instilling good governance</li> <li>Highlighting ESG commitments and performance</li> </ul>		

## **Materiality Assessment**

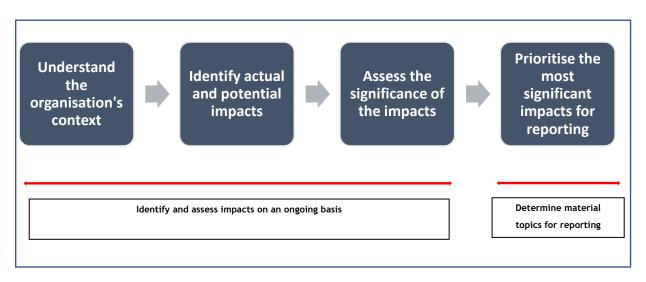
We strive to align our sustainability initiatives with the most relevant and impactful areas, addressing the needs and expectations of our stakeholders meaningfully. Regular stakeholder engagements are of great importance to us, ensuring the relevance and timeliness of our sustainability efforts. Through these engagements, we have identified 13 material topics, with nine (9) designated as high-priority areas. The identified material topics are as follows:

1. Economic growth
2. Safety and health
3. GHG emissions
4. Anti-corruption
5. Diversity
6. Employees' wellbeing
7. Cyber security and data privacy
8. Energy
9. Water
10. Career development
11. Community
12. Procurement
13. Waste

## MITI's Materiality Matrix

	Major			<ul><li>Employees'</li><li>wellbeing</li><li>Cyber security and</li><li>data privacy</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Economic growth</li> <li>Safety and health</li> <li>GHG emissions</li> <li>Anti-corruption</li> <li>Diversity</li> </ul>
Important to Stakeholder	Significant			<ul><li>Water</li><li>Community</li><li>Procurement</li></ul>	<ul><li>Energy</li><li>Career</li><li>development</li></ul>
Important	Moderate				o Waste
	Low	<ul><li>Life under water</li><li>Biodiversity loss</li></ul>	o Lifecycle assessment		
		Low	Moderate Important to or	Significant ganisation	Major

## **Process of Identifying and Prioritising Material Topics**



Materiality assessment is a key to identify and prioritise the issues that are most significant to our operations. For this, we have adopted the GRI guideline<sup>10</sup> which suggests a four-step approach to conducting a materiality assessment:

## 1. Identification of relevant issues

Collect information on potential issues from primary sources such as industry standards, stakeholder concerns, regulatory requirements, and internal risk assessments as well as various secondary sources<sup>11</sup>.

## 2. Stakeholder engagement

Engage stakeholders, including industry players, employees, suppliers and communities, to understand their concerns and perspectives.

#### 3. Prioritisation of issues

a. Assessment Criteria

Develop criteria to evaluate the significance of each issue. Criteria include the potential impact on the organisation, stakeholder interest, and alignment with organisational strategy

b. Ranking Issues

Use the criteria to rank the issues in terms of their importance through the stakeholders' engagement

## **Assessment Criteria**

- a. Impact on Economy: Trade and investment performances, operational efficiency, legal compliance
- b. Stakeholder Interest: Degree of concern among stakeholders, frequency of mention in stakeholder engagements
- c. Alignment with Strategy: NIMP 2030 Push for Net Zero (Mission 3) and i-ESG Framework

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> GRI 103: Management of Material Topics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> MITI Annual Report and Strategic Planning, Various Regulations and Legislation, Reports and Trend Analysis.

## 4. Validation of prioritised issues

#### a. Internal Review

Validate the prioritised list of issues through internal discussions with senior management and relevant divisions to ensure alignment with MITI's strategy and objectives

#### b. Stakeholder Feedback

Seek feedback from stakeholders to confirm the relevance and accuracy of the prioritised issues

#### 5. Review and refinement

## a. Continuous Improvement

- Conduct an annual review of the materiality assessment process;
- Update the process to reflect changes in the business environment,
   stakeholder expectations, and organisational priorities; and
- Ensure the review and updates are endorsed by the SSC to maintain accountability and relevance.

## b. Documentation and reporting

- Document the entire materiality assessment process, including methodologies and findings; and
- Report the findings transparently in sustainability reports or other relevant communication channels to maintain stakeholder trust and engagement.

## 6. Endorsement of the Material Topics by the Highest Governance Body

The identified material topics are presented to the highest governance body for approval to ensure their relevance and alignment with organisational goals. These material topics were reviewed and endorsed through a comprehensive process involving key leadership and stakeholders, namely the Management Meeting (chaired by Secretary General) and Post-Cabinet (chaired by YB Minister). This dual-approval process highlights the organisation's commitment to robust governance and stakeholder engagement in the identification and prioritisation of material topics for this report.

By following these steps, MITI ensures that our sustainability reporting focuses on the most significant issues, providing valuable insights for stakeholders and driving strategic decision-making.

# Risks Associated with Non-Compliance to Identified Material Topics

Material Topics	Risks
Economic growth	<ul> <li>Ineffective promotion of trade and investment limits economic growth of the nation and reduces foreign reserves</li> <li>Neglecting the manufacturing sector can hinder economic growth as the sector is the second largest contributor</li> </ul>
Energy	<ul> <li>Inefficient use of energy can lead to higher operational costs and environmental impact</li> </ul>
GHG emissions	<ul> <li>High GHG emissions can contribute to climate change and result in reputational damage</li> </ul>
Water	<ul> <li>Inefficient use of water can lead to higher operational costs and environmental impact</li> </ul>
Waste	<ul> <li>Poor waste management practices can result in environmental damage, regulatory fines, and reputational harm</li> </ul>
Safety and health	<ul> <li>Lack of focus on productivity and workplace safety can result in accidents, injuries, and decreased productivity</li> </ul>
Employees' wellbeing	<ul> <li>Failing to foster a positive work culture and recognise individual contributions can lead to low employee morale and productivity</li> </ul>
Career development	<ul> <li>Not providing adequate career development opportunities can lead to employee dissatisfaction, high turnover rates, and a less competitive workforce</li> </ul>
Diversity	<ul> <li>Failing to meet government targets in empowering women and persons with special needs can result in loss of public trust, and diminished workplace morale</li> </ul>
Community	<ul> <li>Ignoring social responsibility and community welfare can harm the organisation's reputation and stakeholder relations</li> </ul>
Anti-corruption	<ul> <li>Failing to maintain public trust and ensure that resources are used effectively and for their intended purposes can lead to a loss of stakeholder confidence and potential financial losses. Additionally, lack of</li> </ul>

Material Topics	Risks		
	transparency and accountability can result in		
	reputational damage, regulatory penalties, and		
	reduced investor confidence		
Cyber security and data	Inadequate cybersecurity and data protection measures		
privacy	can compromise national security and public trust		
Government Procurement	<ul> <li>Inequitable and non-transparent procurement</li> </ul>		
	processes can lead to corruption, inefficiencies, and		
	harm to the local economy		

## Our Commitment to a Sustainable Future

ESG is now fast becoming a new metric which includes non-financial factors to measure progress and growth. In line with our aspiration to build a sustainable future and achieve the aspiration to become a net zero nation as early as 2050, MITI's ESG elements are linked to the UN-SDGs<sup>12</sup>. MITI's material topics and its link to SDGs are shown as below:

Material Topics	Commitments	SDGs
Economic Growth	MITI is committed to accelerating economic growth of the country through trade, investment and industrial development. This includes the implementation of NIMP 2030 to advance the manufacturing sector to the next level which include boosting the gross domestic product (GDP) of the manufacturing sector by 6.5 per cent annually. By 2030, this could translate into a substantial RM587.5 billion contribution to Malaysia's total GDP.	1,2, 8 and 9
GHG Emissions	By investing in renewable energy sources such as solar power and enhancing energy efficiency efforts, MITI reduces its carbon footprint and mitigates the adverse effects of climate change. This dual approach not only decreases reliance on fossil fuels but also lowers GHG emissions, which are major contributors to global warming. (Refer to Chapter 3 on measures taken to enhance energy efficiency)	13
	MITI's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mission to Push for Net Zero under the NIMP 2030, and the i-ESG Framework clearly demonstrate the Ministry's commitment to instil and promote sustainable manufacturing sector. These documents retrofit industries to make them sustainable, while ensuring economic profitability.	9
Energy and	By investing in solar power, MITI reduces its carbon footprint and mitigates the adverse effects of climate change. Moreover, solar power systems can lead to <b>lower operational costs</b> over time due to <b>reduced energy bills and maintenance expenses</b> . Through these efforts, MITI showcases its dedication to environmental stewardship and its proactive role in combating climate change, setting a positive example for other organisations to follow.	7
Water Consumption	MITI is dedicated to sustainable water management by <b>reducing water consumption and enhancing water recycling.</b> Additionally, educational programmes help to raise awareness and drive collective action towards water conservation. Through these measures, MITI demonstrates a strong commitment to preserving water resources for future generations while supporting global sustainability goals.	6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> MITI's target are aligned with SDGs in Chapter 7.

Material Topics	Commitments	SDGs
Waste Management	MITI is committed to sustainability through waste reduction and recycling programme to minimise environmental impact and improve resource efficiency. By reducing consumption of <b>single-use plastics</b> and <b>paper</b> , and <b>composting organic waste</b> , MITI plans to significantly cut down on waste. The initiative also includes training employees in sustainable practices to promote environmental responsibility. For instance, <b>Trash4Cash programme</b> promotes recycling activity and circular economy. These efforts highlight MITI's dedication to sustainability and environmental care.	12
Capacity Building and Career Development	MITI's initiatives promoting decent work and economic growth are multi-faceted, encompassing efforts to develop skills and capacity. MITI facilitates workforce development programmes that equip individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed. Providing <b>training and development opportunities</b> to enhance employees' skills and career prospects reflects MITI's investment in human capital and commitment to lifelong learning, which is turn contributes to sustainable economic growth, while improving the productivity.	8
Safety and Health	MITI prioritises the <b>health and wellbeing</b> of its employees and contractors by fostering a safe and conducive work environment. Additionally, the Ministry promotes a culture of wellness by providing access to <b>healthcare resources</b> , <b>wellness programmes and mental health support services</b> . By prioritising employee health, MITI not only enhances productivity and morale but also contributes to the broader goal of achieving universal health coverage and promoting wellbeing for all.	3
Gender Equality	MITI is committed to <b>empower women to promote equal opportunities</b> at workplace. The Ministry ensures that women are represented at all levels of the organisation. Additionally, MITI provides support for work-life balance through <b>flexible working arrangements</b> and <b>a day-care centre</b> , enabling women to actively participate in the workforce.	5
Employees Wellbeing	MITI's sustainability commitments encompass a range of initiatives aimed at fostering a harmonious and supportive work environment that prioritises the wellbeing of its employees. Through practices such as offering flexible working hours, fair wages, providing equitable benefits across all levels and actively engaging with employees, MITI demonstrates its dedication to meeting the diverse needs of its workforce. These efforts not only enhance employee morale and productivity but also contribute to the overall sustainability and success of the organisation.	1 and 8

Material Topics	Commitments	SDGs
Corporate Social Responsibility	MITI is committed to fighting poverty as a core part of our sustainability plan. We have devoted to improving the lives of our employees and the communities we serve. Through <b>fair wages</b> , <b>community investments</b> , <b>support for small businesses</b> , and <b>employee growth</b> , we aim to create economic opportunities and lessen poverty. Our <b>CSR programmes</b> show our dedication to society, addressing not just trade and investment but also the needs of the underprivileged.	1 and 2
Inclusivity	MITI's sustainability commitment includes a dedicated focus on the <b>recruitment of individuals with special needs</b> and ensuring that the facilities fully support their presence. To achieve this, MITI provides adaptive workstations, creating a barrier-free environment. Additionally, training programmes are provided to staff to promote awareness and understanding of special needs, enhancing overall workplace culture and support. By prioritising these efforts, MITI not only complies with legal and ethical standards but also reinforce our commitment to social responsibility and inclusion.	10
Anti-Corruption	MITI's sustainability commitments include a steadfast stance against corruption. Through comprehensive policies, employee training programmes and regular monitoring mechanisms, MITI ensures that all operations are conducted ethically and in compliance with relevant laws and regulations. By prioritising anti-corruption efforts, MITI not only safeguards its reputation and credibility but also contributes to fostering a fair and accountable business environment conducive to sustainable growth and prosperity.	16
Cybersecurity and data privacy	MITI's sustainability commitments extend to <b>cybersecurity and data privacy</b> , recognising the critical importance of safeguarding sensitive information and maintaining trust with stakeholders. By implementing robust cybersecurity protocols and stringent data privacy measures, MITI ensures the protection of confidential data from unauthorised access, breaches and cyber threats. Through continuous <b>monitoring</b> , <b>regular audits</b> and <b>employee training programmes</b> , MITI upholds the highest standards of data security and privacy compliance.	16
Government Procurement	MITI's sustainability commitments extend to ethical and sustainable practices in government procurement. By prioritising transparency, fairness and environmental responsibility in procurement decisions, MITI ensures that public funds are allocated efficiently and responsibly while also stimulating local economic growth. By championing the involvement of local suppliers and businesses in government contracts, MITI not only strengthens local economies but also promotes social cohesion and resilience.	1, 8 and 16

# Chapter 2: Driving National Economic Advancement and Prosperity

## **Background and Context**

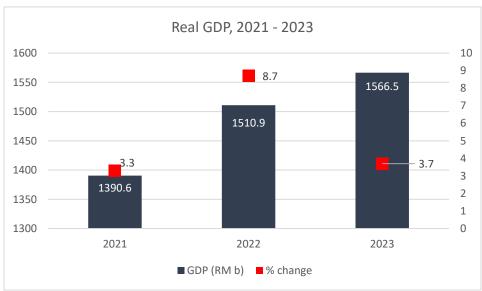
MITI plays a pivotal role in attracting investment, enhancing trade activities, and facilitating the expansion of the manufacturing and related services sectors in Malaysia. Through various international trade missions, MITI drives investment and trade engagement, crucial for a small, trade-dependent nation like Malaysia. The ministry's efforts are integral in promoting exports, with major export categories including electronics and electrical (E&E), petrochemicals, plastics and rubber, palm oil, and oil and gas products.

Despite a challenging global economic environment, Malaysia's trade reached RM2.64 trillion in 2023. Free trade agreements, such as the RCEP and the CPTPP, are anticipated to further bolster Malaysia's external trade outlook. Meanwhile, Malaysia's approved investments in 2023 recorded the highest in history with an investment value of RM329.5 billion. The services sector recorded the highest investment by contributing more than half (51.1%) of the total approved investment, followed by the manufacturing sector (46.1%) and the primary sector (2.8%). MITI continues to be proactive in introducing policy reforms to further increase investor confidence and strengthen Malaysia's position as a preferred investment destination.

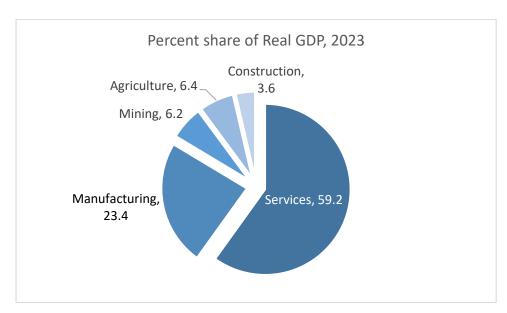
Furthermore, the NIMP 2030 aims to position the manufacturing sector at the forefront of innovation and competitiveness, driving long-term growth and sustainability. Through strategic implementation and collaboration, MITI is committed to achieving the plan's goals and ensuring that the manufacturing sector continues to be a key driver of Malaysia's economic growth and prosperity.

## **Driving Economic Growth**

In 2023, the Malaysian economy expanded by 3.7 percent, reaching a total of 1.6 trillion. The manufacturing sector contributed roughly 23 percent of this growth in real terms, positioning it as the second-largest driver of economic expansion after the services sector. The substantial contribution of the manufacturing sector underscores its critical role in driving Malaysia's economic progress and highlights its importance in the broader economic landscape.



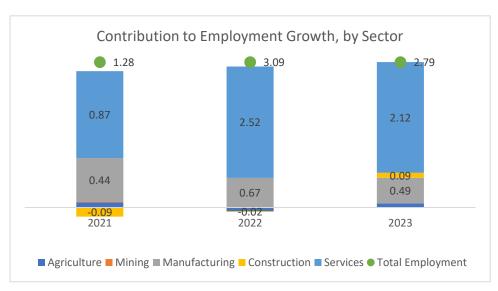
Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia.



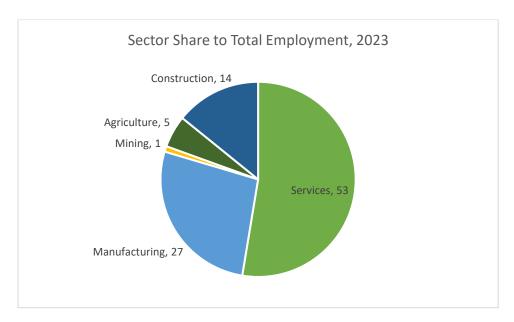
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## **Promoting Job Generation**

In 2023, the manufacturing sector contributed 0.49 percentage points to the overall employment growth rate of 2.79 percent. This makes the manufacturing sector the second-largest contributor to job creation, following the services sector.



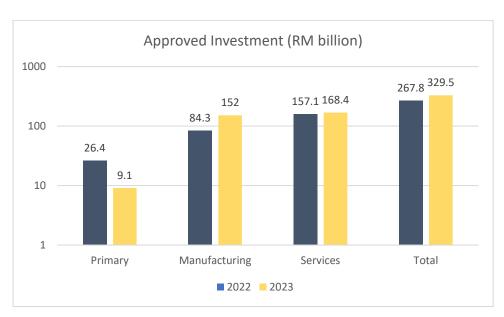
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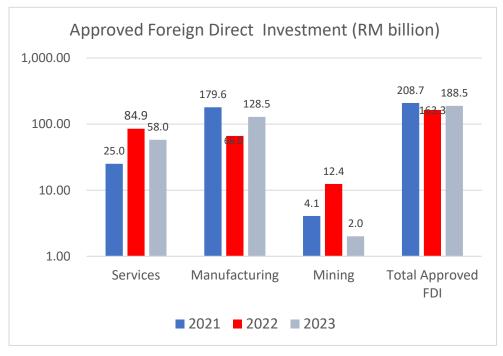
Source: Employment Statistics First Quarter 2024, Department of Statistics Malaysia.

## **Driving Investment Growth**

In 2023, the manufacturing sector attracted approved investments totalling RM152 billion out of a total of RM329.5 billion. This marked a significant increase from RM84.3 billion in 2022, highlighting the sector's substantial growth compared to others. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2023 reached 188.5 billion, with the manufacturing sector accounting for 68.2 percent of the total FDI.



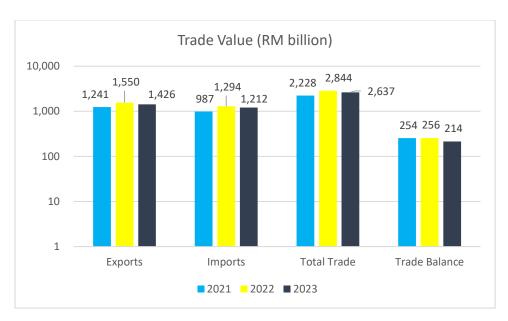
Source: Malaysia Investment Development Authority.



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## **Trade Metrics and Success**

Despite a challenging global economic landscape, Malaysia's trade exceeded RM2 trillion for the third consecutive year to reach RM2.64 trillion in 2023, chalking up a trade surplus of RM214.1 billion over a successive 26-year period since 1998. The exports were mainly attributed to semiconductor devices and integrated circuits. Major trading partners in 2023 were China, Singapore, the United States of America (US), the European Union (EU), and Japan, accounting for 67.7 percent of Malaysia's total trade.



Source: Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation.

Malaysia's Top Trading Partners, 2023



Source: Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation.

# Malaysia's Top Five Export Products, 2023

1	E&E
2	Petroleum Products
3	Palm Oil
4	Chemical Products
5	LNG

Source: Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation.

# Chapter 3: Charting a Greener Path

## **Background and Context**

Climate change, biodiversity loss and resource depletion pose existential threats not only to ecosystems but also to human societies and economies. Extreme weather events, disruptions in food and water supply, and the spread of diseases are just a few examples of the potential consequences of environmental degradation. To address these challenges, responsible business practices are paramount. This involves adopting sustainability principles throughout all aspects of operations. Minimising waste, reducing carbon emissions, conserving resources, and investing in RE are crucial steps toward mitigating environmental impact. Moreover, organisations can play a significant role in advocating for and implementing policies that promote environmental conservation and climate action. In this context, MITI integrates sustainable practices into its operations, with a primary focus on reducing emissions, using energy and water efficiently as well as managing waste effectively.

## **GHG Emissions**

Reductions in the emission of regulated pollutants may lead to improved health conditions for MITI workers and local communities as well as enhance relations with affected stakeholders. This is in line with our nation's aspiration to become net zero by 2050 and to reduce GHG intensity by 45 percent of GDP by 2030 as compared to the 2005 level. According to GHG Protocol, the international standard for carbon accounting, emissions are categorised into three scopes. The types of GHGs that are included in the calculation of emissions (kgCO2e):

- i. carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$ ;
- ii. methane  $(CH_4)$ ;
- iii. nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O);
- iv. hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs);
- v. perfluorocarbons (PFCs);
- vi. sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>); and
- vii. nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>).

## Scope 1

In 2023, our total Scope 1 emissions<sup>13</sup> amounted to 292,640 kgCO2e. This figure encompasses emissions from 19 cars allocated to MITI officers (*Kereta Jawatan*), 13 official cars (*Kereta Jabatan*) as well as one (1) Coaster.

## Scope 2

Scope 2 emissions amounted to 4,670,540 kgCO2e, derived from direct energy usage from the grid, totalling 5,987,872 kWh. This calculation was based on the conversion factor provided by the Energy Commission (EC). The majority of these emissions originated from the energy-intensive events hosted at MITI's Main Hall.

## Scope 3

Scope 3 emissions were calculated from two primary sources: business travels and employees commuting. Within the employees commuting category, emissions totalled 651,100 kgCO2e, while in the business travel category, emissions amounted to 224,379.52 kgCO2e. Notably, a significant portion (87 percent) of Scope 3 emissions stemmed from long-haul travel associated with MITI's trade and investment missions.

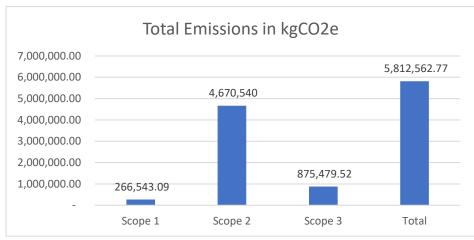
In total, about 5.8 million kgCO2e was emitted in 2023 following MITI's operations or 7,703 kgCO2e per capita. The per capita emission is lower than the national level which stood at 8,600 kgCO2e in 2022<sup>14</sup>. Various measures have been implemented to reduce emissions, such as increasing energy generation from the solar and incorporating Treasury Circular to minimise overseas travel. Furthermore, measures have been taken to reduce energy consumption, which is expected to significantly contribute to lower Scope 2 emissions (Refer to Energy Consumption Section).

MITI's per capita emission	Malaysia per capita emissions
7,703 kgCO2e	8,600 kgCO2e

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>Conversion Factor: Manufacturing Industries and Construction, Malaysia Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC, 2022.

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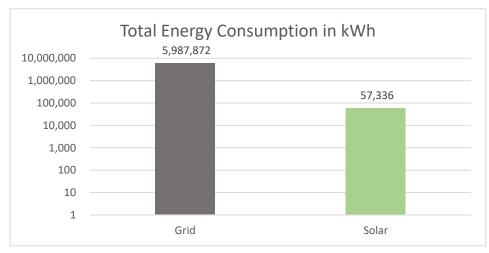


Source: Internal calculation.

## **Energy and Water Consumption**

## **Energy Consumption**

In 2023, MITI's total electricity consumption amounted to 6,045,208 kWh, with about 1 percent of this energy is derived from solar.



Source: Internal calculation.

To secure a Green Building Gold Standard rating, it is imperative to maintain MITI's Building Energy Index (BEI) below 100, as it stood at 95 in 2023, as well as to consistently uphold a 4-star rating from the EC.

# Measures to Enhance Energy Efficiency

1	Ensure all doors between rooms, air-conditioned lobbies and non-air-
	conditioned rooms such as the main lobby, triple lift lobby at LG1 and LG2,
	capsule area, pre-function, emergency staircase and toilets are always closed.
2	Operate manually all the frame lights in all low and high zone lift lobbies.
3	Set air conditioning temperature at ±24°c in Dewan Perdana and Multi-Purpose
	Hall (MPH) 1 and 2 during the preparation process and ensure that all doors
	are always closed.
4	Operate lights manually through BCS system at cafeteria's open dining area on
	Level 3 which is restricted for 2 hours only starting at 7.30 am until 9.30 am
	while fans between 12.30 pm until 2.30 pm on every working day.
5	Switch off lights at the corridors from Level 3 to 26 manually during break
	time between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm on every working day.
6	Operate all floodlights and façade lights manually except the street lights for
	night-time lighting of the Tower building.
7	Set operating hours for the air conditioning system at lift lobby LG1 and LG2
	are from 8.00 am until 7.00 pm on working days through the BCS system.
8	Operate air conditioning system at capsule area automatically through the
	BCS system, only if there is a need for it.
9	Operate automatically air conditioning system at the corridor area behind
	Dewan Perdana and also the Preparation Room on Level 1 through the BCS
	system if there is a need to use the room.
10	Switch on automatically the exhaust ventilation system at the toilets from
	6.30 am until 6.30 pm on working days through the BCS system.
11	Turn off manually all desktop and laptop computers and not left in
	sleep/standby mode as well as disconnect all the power supply for charging
	laptop batteries, battery banks, mobile phones and other small electrical
	tools after working hours.
12	Turn off manually all hot and cold-water dispensers at all levels are turned y
	after office hours and weekends and turn it on again on the following working
	day.
42	Replace LED lighting at the office areas with lower energy consumption but
13	Replace LED lighting at the office areas with tower energy consumption but

14	Limit the operating hours for water heating system for bathing such as in the toilets of VIP rooms, Level 3, the gymnasium and TASKA MITI from 6.00 am until 8.00 pm every day.
15	Re-organise the schedule for operation of Air Handling Units during night time and weekends to meet the minimum load of the baby chiller.
16	Set the jet fan operation at basement car park LG1 and LG2 to meet the minimum requirement of $CO_2$ level.
17	Replace the compound spotlight with LED lighting which use lower energy consumption but maintaining the same lux intensity level.
18	Replace the obsolete refrigerant from R410a to R32 for nine (9) units of air-conditioning split unit which use lower energy consumption but maintain the same capacity.
19	Limit and control manually the quantity of home/kitchen electrical appliances and equipment such as refrigerators, electric kettles, coffee makers, dry fryers, toasters and others that can be brought and installed on each level and also turn off their operation after office hours and weekends and only turned on again on the next working day.
20	Turn off unnecessary lighting units for basement car parks at LG2 during unoccupied days/times.

## New Initiatives to Slash Energy Use

## 1. Flexible Dress Code

In an effort to reduce air-conditioning consumption amid the hot weather conditions, we are implementing a flexible dress code policy. All staff and officers are encouraged to wear lightweight and breathable attire, such as batik, throughout the week. This initiative aims to create a more comfortable office environment that requires less air conditioning, ultimately leading to lower energy consumption.

## 2. Energy Monitoring and Rewards Programme

To promote and sustain energy-saving practices, Putrajaya Management Sdn. Bhd. (PMSB) will conduct monthly monitoring of energy consumption at all levels. Divisions that consistently demonstrate significant reductions in energy use will be recognised and rewarded at the end of the year. This initiative not only incentivises energy conservation but also fosters a culture of environmental responsibility across the organisation.

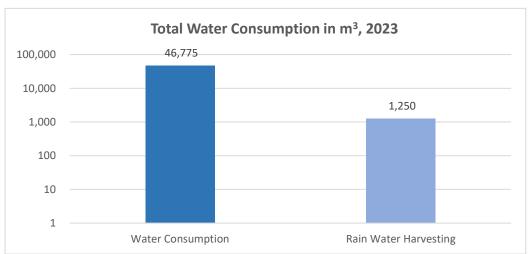
## 3. Regular Upgrade of Laptops

To enhance energy efficiency and reduce charging times, PMSB will implement a policy of upgrading laptops every three (3) years. Modern laptops are more energy-efficient, offering improved battery life and reduced power consumption. This initiative ensures that our technology infrastructure remains up-to-date while supporting our overall energy reduction goals.

By adopting these initiatives, we aim to create a more sustainable and energy-efficient workplace, benefiting both our organisation and the environment.

## **Water Consumption**

In 2023, MITI utilised approximately 48,025m³ of water, with 1,250m³ sourced from rainwater harvesting, specifically designated for landscape irrigation at Menara MITI. To curtail water consumption, several measures have been implemented, including daily leak checks, awareness programmes to cleaning personnel, dissemination of information on water stewardship to all MITI staff and officers via the Public Sector Conducive Ecosystem (EKSA) programme as well as the installation of water aerators as part of medium-term plans.



## Waste Management

We monitor and improve our environmental performance through waste reduction and management with the aim of protecting the planet and conserving natural resources. Effective waste reduction, recycling programmes and material efficiency can lead to cost savings. Meanwhile, embracing a circular economy approach leads to long-term sustainability and reduced environmental impact. Among the measures include installing 3R recycle bins on every floor and conduct Trash4Cash in conjuction with *Bulan EKSA*.

Total Waste Generated, 2023

Types of waste	tonne
Total Domestic Waste	309.0
Plastic	0.02
Paper	0.43
Total	309.5

In 2023, MITI generated 309.5 tonnes of waste, primarily comprising domestic waste. Of which, 2.41 tonnes of waste (including e-waste) were sold. While progress has been made, MITI acknowledges the need for more proactive measures to minimise waste, in particular, food waste. The numerous events and cafeteria operations significantly contribute to this issue. Furthermore, MITI is committed to reducing the reliance on single-use plastic bottles and printing. To achieve this, MITI implements several measures as below:

- 1. Installing recycling storage systems;
- 2. Enforcing recycling activities through awareness campaigns and regular monitoring;
- 3. Minimising the use of plastic containers and bottles during events and meetings by opting for reusable alternatives;
- 4. Introducing composting equipment for dry waste materials like leaves to reduce organic waste;
- 5. Phasing out single-use plastics across all departments and operations;
- 6. Reducing paper usage by promoting paperless practices; and
- 7. Encouraging and incentivising employees to bring their own reusable containers and tumblers for food and drinks at the cafeteria.

Under the unifying slogan of "Recycling, Reusing, and Reducing Waste for a Greener Tomorrow", MITI aims to reduce its waste output by an estimated 10 percent by 2030.

# Chapter 4: Fostering Connection for Sustainability

## **Background and Context**

MITI strives to provide a healthy and safe workplace for our employees. Our employees are integral to the long-term success and resilience of our operations. We are committed to providing a workplace that is collaborative, inclusive, compassionate and motivating, where our employees can innovate, lead and drive the Ministry forward. At the same time, we offer our employees opportunities to support the communities through MITI Skuad Kasih programmes. We are committed to supporting programmes at the intersection of environmental sustainability and social impact in the communities where we live, work and source.

## **Employees**

## **Profile of Employees**

## Category of Employees, by Gender, 2023

Category of Employees (Full time)	Male	Female	Total
Top Management Officers (JUSA)	5	11	16
Officers (Grade 54)	17	19	36
Officers (Grade 41 - 52)	118	166	284
Support Staff	158	264	422
Total	298	460	758

## Category of Employees, by Education Attainment, 2023

Qualification	Male	Female	Total
PhD	4	7	11
Masters	68	96	164
Degree	72	125	197
Diploma	33	105	138
Certification	23	19	42
STPM	7	8	15
SPM	82	19	101
PMR	9	5	14
Total <sup>15</sup>	298	384	682

<sup>15</sup> The composition of employees by education and gender are captured from HRMIS. Based on the numbers in total of 76 employees did not declare their education in the HRMIS.

## Employees' Profile by Age and Gender, 2023

Age	Male	Female	Total
Below 30	20	31	51
30 - 50	238	388	626
Above 50	40	41	81
Total	298	460	758

## Number of Contract Employees, 2023

Category of Employees (Contract)	Male	Female	Total
MySTEP	52	82	134
Internship	5	17	22
Total	57	99	156

## **Working Hours**

MITI implements Flexible Working Hours (WBF) to provide a conducive working environment for its employees, allowing them to manage their time effectively. Under WBF, employees have the flexibility to choose their entry and exit times within certain parameters, while still meeting the required working hours per day as outlined in the *Pekeliling Perkhidmatan Bilangan 4 Tahun 2017*. Additionally, MITI offers other flexible arrangements such as allowing pregnant mothers to leave an hour early, permitting early departure for employees with special-needs children or in emergency cases, accommodating the observance of Ramadan, and providing options for working from home on a case-by-case basis. By embracing these flexible working arrangements, MITI aims to enhance work-life balance for its employees and create a supportive work environment that meets the diverse needs of its workforce.

#### **Leave Benefits**

MITI takes pride in offering a comprehensive array of leave benefits to its employees. These benefits include maternity and paternity leaves, as well as half-pay leaves, enabling employees to attend to close family members during times of illness or personal necessity. The Ministry also respects the diverse cultural and religious backgrounds of its workforce by providing unrecorded leave for specific celebrations, including Deepavali, Pesta Kaamatan, Hari Gawai, Good Friday, Vaisakhi, and Songkran. Additionally, MITI grants special pilgrimage leaves for employees undertaking significant religious journeys, such as the Hajj and Umrah for Muslims, as well as other religious pilgrimages. These comprehensive leave

benefits reflect MITI's commitment to supporting its employees' wellbeing and work-life balance, fostering a positive and inclusive work environment.

## **Diversity**

The Jawatan Utama Sektor Awam (JUSA), representing the top management in the Ministry, includes a Secretary General, three (3) Deputy Secretary Generals, and 12 Senior Directors. Impressively, 69 percent of JUSA positions are held by women. Although the top four (4) positions are equally divided, the majority of the divisions are led by female Senior Directors. This achievement surpasses the government target of 30 percent.

Top Management by Age Cohort of JUSA, 2023

Gender	Age below 30 years old	Age between 30- 50 years old	Above 50 years old
Male Top Management	-	-	6
Female Top Management	-	1	9
Total	-	1	15
Grand Total		1	6

In line with the Ministry's commitment, support for special needs workers is enshrined in *Pekeliling Perkhidmatan Bilangan 16 Tahun 2010*. This policy underscores the Ministry's dedication to providing equal employment opportunities and fostering a supportive work environment for individuals with special needs. Presently, four (4) workers have been recruited under this policy, constituting 0.5 percent of the MITI's total workforce. While this is a positive step forward, it is important to note that this figure falls short of the Government's target of having one (1) percent of the workforce comprised of individuals with special needs.

To further support this initiative, the Ministry not only addresses their welfare but also ensures that they have access to appropriate working facilities. These facilities are designed to meet their specific needs, enabling them to perform their duties effectively and efficiently. However, the Ministry acknowledges the need to intensify efforts to meet and surpass the Government's target. This includes expanding recruitment initiatives, providing additional training and development opportunities, and fostering a more inclusive workplace

culture. By doing so, MITI aspires to set a benchmark for other organisations in promoting diversity and inclusion in the workforce.

## Profile of workers who are not employees

## Number of workers who are not MITI's employees

Putrajaya Management Sdn. Bhd. (PMSB)	90
Jabatan Sukarelawan Malaysia (RELA)	11
Total	101

MITI engages Jabatan Sukarelawan Malaysia (RELA) to deploy its paramilitary personnel with an average monthly salary in accordance with the government's latest guidelines. Similarly, the Ministry ensures that the remuneration of its non-employee workers, including cleaning staff, adheres to the minimum wage threshold. These collective approaches exemplify the Ministry's steadfast commitment to fair labour practices, while ensuring a high standard of security and cleanliness within its premises.

## **Career Development**

## **Training**

In accordance with the objectives outlined in the Public Sector Human Resource Training Policy (*Dasar Latihan Sumber Manusia Sektor Awam*), MITI is dedicated to ensuring that its public service personnel are equipped with the necessary attitudes, skills and knowledge through carefully planned training programmes aimed at competency development and continuous learning. The Training Needs Analysis (TNA) process plays a pivotal role in identifying and addressing these needs effectively.

TNA are identified through various sources, including Individual Training Needs assessments conducted via the Annual Assessment Performance Report (LNPT) feedback system, as well as Requirement Analysis Forms submitted by MITI divisions. The collected data undergoes thorough screening to ensure accuracy, relevance and alignment with organisational goals and objectives. This process helps in filtering out redundant or irrelevant information, allowing for a focused approach to addressing training needs. Once the data is screened, it is further categorised into sector clusters based on identified themes, as below:

## Training Clusters, 2023

Cluster	Number of Request	Percent share	Proposed Training Programmes	Percent share
Strategic Expertise	871	51	26	33
Soft Skills	147	9	7	9
Self and Cooperative/Team Building	292	17	33	42
Digital System and Technology	232	14	8	10
Language	158	9	4	5
Total	1700	100	<i>7</i> 8	100

## Trainings Conducted, 2023

No	Training Programmes	Participants
1	Program Penghayatan Nilai-Nilai Murni (Borak Santai Bersama Sazali)	200
2	Program Minda Sejahtera Warga Ceria Sempena Bulan Kesedaran Kesejahteraan Psikologi	160
3	Bengkel Pembangunan Pegawai Bagi Pengarah dan Pengurusan Tertinggi MITI	50
4	Leadership Course for Middle Management	45

No	Training Programmes	Participants
5	Leadership Course for Junior Officers	40
6	Program Kesihatan Psikologi "Sweat Off"	50
7	Program Diet dan Gaya Hidup Sihat	100
8	Bengkel Penyelesaian Faraid, Hibah dan Pusaka	100
9	Taklimat Perjawatan MITI dan Agensi di Bawah Tahun 2023	65
10	Kursus Tip and Tricks" Mastering Microsoft Office - Analisis Data Menggunakan Microsoft Excel Sesi 1 dan 2	50
11	Program Penampilan Profesional Bagi Penjawat Awam	40
12	Program Pra Akrab MITI dan Agensi Tahap 1 dan 2	35
13	Program Pementoran@MITI	33
14	Kursus Perakaunan Aset Sistem IGFMAS	25
15	Language - English and Spanish	80
16	GRI Certified Sustainability Professional Course	8
17	Core Empowerment	2







According to the *Pelan Operasi Latihan* (POL) MITI 2023, it is imperative that at least 70 percent of MITI officers and staff complete 7 days of training within a calendar year. However, in 2023, only 53.7 percent of MITI's total workforce met this requirement. This is mainly due to tight work schedule and ad-hoc office matters as well as employees not declaring in the MyTraining System. To encourage greater participation and ensure

compliance with the training mandate, several action plans are recommended, among others:

- a. Enhance communication to raise awareness about the importance of training and the benefits it offers to employees and the organisation as a whole. This includes disseminating information through various channels such as email updates, intranet announcements and staff meetings;
- Develop tailored training programmes that cater to the diverse needs and interests of its employees. By offering a wide range of courses covering both technical and soft skills, MITI aims to appeal to a broader audience and increase participation rates;
- c. Establish robust monitoring and feedback mechanisms to track training participation rates and gather employee feedback on the effectiveness of training programmes. This information is used to continually refine and improve the training offerings to better meet the needs of employees; and
- d. Promote online courses on platforms such as Udemy, allowing employees to learn at their own pace. These programmes offer a wide range of topics and expert instructors, making continued education more accessible and flexible.

Public Service Department Scholarships and Sponsored Trainings

No	Name of Program	Gender Composition		Total
		Male	Female	
1	Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan (HLP) Master's Program	-	1	1
2	National Human Resource Institute (NHI)	-	1	1
3	16 <sup>th</sup> Senior Executive Development Programme (SEDP) 2023	-	1	1
4	Lead4Future 2023	1	4	5
5	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) - Leadership Development for Middle Management Level		1	1
Grand Total				9

In 2023, a total of nine (9) employees furthered their studies with sponsorships. The main impediments for employees wishing to further their studies include limited quotas, age restrictions, and the required number of years of service to be eligible.

# Life-long learning

MITI is committed to fostering a culture of continuous learning and personal development among its personnel, with the MITI Library serving as a key resource hub and facilitator for various programmes. In 2023, the library organised several impactful initiatives aimed at promoting lifelong learning and knowledge enrichment. Here are the highlights of the most significant programmes:



# List of Most Significant Programmes, 2023

No	Programme	No of Participants
1	Resensi Buku: Bicara Bersama	150
2	Book Review: 1 Book 1 Month	12
3	Exhibition: MITI at a Glance	120
4	Let's Read Together for 10 Minutes	30
5	Semarak Ilmu@MITI	300
6	Talk on ISBN, ISSN, PdP	30
7	Spy Camp: Innovation in Library 3.0	190
8	Speed Dating with Books	45
9	School Holiday Programmes	20
10	Library2U	250
11	World Quran Hour	30











Through these diverse and engaging programmes, MITI's Library plays a pivotal role in nurturing a culture of continuous learning, knowledge sharing and personal growth among its personnel, contributing to their professional development and overall wellbeing.

### Promotion and Annual Increment

In 2023, 24 officers and 38 staff were promoted. Additionally, the annual salary increment (*Pergerakan Gaji Tahunan* - PGT) is implemented based on employee's date of appointment, as shown below. Any promotion, retirement or leaving the service is abide in the Public Service Circular: *Perkara 27*, *P.U.(A) 1/2012 - Peraturan-Peraturan Pegawai Awam* (*Pelantikan*, *Kenaikan Pangkat dan Penamatan Perkhidmatan*) 2012.

# Employee Increment, 2023

Month	Number of Employees	
January	182	
April	173	
July	164	
October	233	
Total	752	

# **Employee Turn-over**

Throughout 2023, a total of 59 applications for transfer were received from various sources. Most of the reasons involve seeking career growth, acquiring new skills, and gaining more experience in a new environment at other divisions or ministries. Other reasons were logistical issues or personal circumstances. Among the measures taken to address these concerns are job rotation internally within division/ministry or request to Public Service Department), depending on approval of *Panel Pembangunan Sumber Manusia* (PPSM) as source of authority.

### Reasons for transfer

Service issue	Welfare issue
Suitability in the workplace	Health concerns
Job rotation	Security of employee/property
Logistics / financial issue	

# **Application for Transfer**

Management and Professional				
	Medium of Application			
Application and Status	HRMIS	HR Open Day	Email / Letter to HR	Total
Received application	18	2	9	29
Action taken	6	1	4	11

In progress	12	1	5	18	
	Support Staff				
	Medium of Application				
Application and Status	HRMIS	HR Open Day	Email / Letter to HR	Total	
Received application	10	10	10	30	
Action taken	1	1	2	4	
In progress	9	9	8	26	

# **Benefits**

### **Excellence Awards**

In 2023, MITI celebrated the outstanding contributions and exceptional performance of its officers and staff by awarding a total of 64 individuals for their excellence in service throughout 2022. This annual recognition serves to honour the dedication, hard work and achievements of MITI's personnel, highlighting their significant role in advancing the department's objectives and serving the nation. By recognising excellence, MITI fosters a culture of motivation, innovation and continuous improvement within its workforce, ultimately driving organisational success and fulfilling its mission to promote economic growth and prosperity for the country.

# Welfare and Recreational Programmes for Employees

MITI is dedicated to enhancing the wellbeing of its personnel through a range of welfare programmes designed to foster camaraderie, recognise talent and provide support where needed. Among these initiatives are the festival celebrations, which serve as occasions for networking and fostering a sense of community among employees. Additionally, MITI Idol showcases and applauds the talents of its young members, offering a platform for recognition and encouragement.

Recognising the importance of education, MITI extends schooling assistance through MITI's Club, offering support to employees and their families. Furthermore, during festive seasons, MITI extends a helping hand to lower-income employees, providing contributions to ensure they can fully partake in celebrations.

In addition to these welfare programmes, MITI invests in facilities aimed at promoting a conducive working environment and providing avenues for relaxation and stress relief. Among these facilities are the Music Studio and karaoke room, which offer employees the

opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate, promoting mental wellbeing and productivity. Through these welfare initiatives and facilities, MITI demonstrates its commitment to supporting the holistic development and welfare of its personnel, fostering a positive and inclusive workplace culture that values the welfare and happiness of its employees.

MITI celebrated the Secretary Day on 16 October 2023 to recognise the secretaries' contribution to the overall success of an organisation. By taking the time to celebrate Secretary Day, MITI not only foster a positive work culture but also reinforce the importance of recognising and valuing every individual's contribution, regardless of their role within the company.





# Day-care centre at MITI

TASKA Oren, the day-care centre established by MITI, aims to create a family-friendly work environment by offering convenient, on-site day-care. Operating from 7.15 am to 6.00 pm on weekdays, TASKA Oren offers more than just childcare services. It serves as an educational hub, offering programmes, games, nutritious meals, and a designated nap area. Currently, the centre caters 47 children under 3 years old and 10 children aged between 4 and 6 years old. This initiative not only enhances employee satisfaction and productivity but also underscores MITI's commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive workplace.

# Occupational Safety and Health

Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) 1994, or Act 514, is the primary legislation in Malaysia that regulates workplace safety and health. It outlines the duties and responsibilities of employers, employees, manufacturers and suppliers to ensure a safe and healthy workplace.

MITI OSHA Committee is chaired by Deputy Secretary General (Investment and Management). The committee members consist of Employer Representative, Employee Representative and Facility Management. The Committee meets quarterly to discuss the policy matters, OSHA programmes as well as workplace health & safety issues.





# Occupational Safety Programmes

Among the programmes conducted by MITI's OSHA Committee include:



# Safety Walkabout

Conducted bi-weekly (every Tuesday and Thursday), to identify and rectify any safety non-compliances. Issues such as outdated List of Occupants (LOO) forms, obstructed fire extinguishers by furniture and non-closure of fire-resistant doors have been reported and followed up with inspections for resolution.



# Cafeteria Inspection

Monthly inspections ensure adherence to Food Act, 1983 and Food Hygiene Regulations 2009. Concerns such as improper ingredient storage, inadequate and inappropriate food waste disposal, unclean racks and sinks, unclear expiry dates, oily floors and staff noncompliance with uniform regulations have been addressed through subsequent inspections, emphasising the provision of clean and safe food.



# Fire Drill (Training)

Conducted annually to reinforce emergency preparedness and response.



## Green Building Index (GBI) and Security Briefings

Conducted in the second and third quarters, alongside first aid training sessions and evacuation procedures, to promote sustainable practices and enhance building security.



### Introduction of New COVID-19 SOP

The latest standard operating procedure (SOP) pertaining to COVID-19 was implemented in the second quarter to address health and safety concerns amid the endemic phase.



## **NADOPOD Report Introduction**

Introduced in the first quarter of 2023, the Notification of Accident, Dangerous Occurrence, Poisoning and Occupational Disease (NADOPOD) Report serves as a means to report accidents occurring within the vicinity to the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

# Renewal of License from the Fire Department

Renewed Fire Department License in the third quarter to maintain compliance with fire safety regulations.



# Fogging and Sanitising

A total of 84 hours fogging sessions were conducted for pest control. Meanwhile, sanitising was conducted on specified dates, totalling 9 hours and 50 minutes, to ensure a hygienic environment.













## Dissemination of Information on Safety and Health

Weekly dissemination of safety and health information occurs through the "Monday Pause for Clipping" sessions. These sessions encompass various topics, such as energy and water conservation tips, guidelines for recycling and waste management, strategies for reducing plastic usage and the advantages of adopting green building practices. The primary aim of these initiatives is to foster awareness and deepen understanding of sustainability-related issues among participants.

# **Accidents/incidents Reported**

1. Lift entrapment (1 Person)

Date: 26 May 2023 (9.00 am to 9.25 am)

Location: Lift PL 2

Cause: Central panel error

Response: Replaced and checked all the cables

2. Lift entrapment (7 Persons)

Date: 23 November 2023 (12.00 noon to 12.15 pm)

Location: PL 8

Cause: Car door cam misalignment

Response: Adjust interlock back and re-test

3. Fire Incident

Date: 23 January 2023

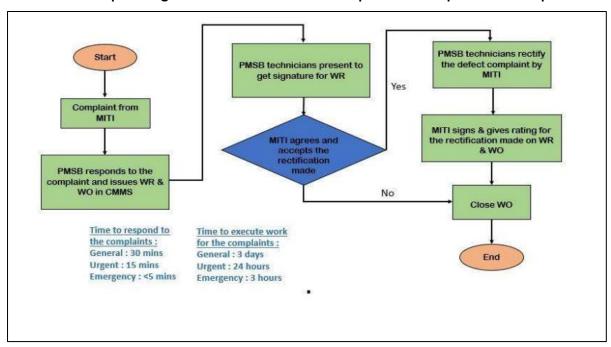
Location: Café (Kitchen area)

Cause: Fire originated from hot oil and water.

Response: Emergency Services Team (EST) successfully extinguished the fire within

5 minutes.

## Standard and Operating Procedures for PMSB to respond on complaints and reports



# Health

## **Health Facilities**





MITI is committed to promoting employees' wellbeing by providing a fully equipped gymnasium for staff to prioritise their health and fitness. Additionally, Zumba, sweat off and yoga classes are conducted during break and after work hours, offering employees opportunities to engage in physical activity and relaxation, further enhancing their overall health and vitality. Furthermore, MITI is equipped with a treatment room furnished with essential medical equipment to cater to the health needs of its employees.

# Free Health Screening

MITI employees are encouraged to undergo health screening check-ups and monitor their own health for disease prevention and early detection of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. These screenings are provided free of charge for those aged 40 and above.

### Mental Health

In addition to physical health, the Ministry is equally committed to safeguarding the mental health of its employees. Grounded in the principles of counselling and mentoring, the AKRAB programme at MITI emphasises the sharing of knowledge and mutual support among AKRAB members within the Ministry. One of the key benefits of this programme is fostering a harmonious working environment and increasing empathy among the members.

Furthermore, MITI has established a Psychology Unit, reporting directly to Deputy Secretary General with one Psychology Officer. In 2023, the Unit conducted a total of 127 counselling sessions encompassing matters related to career, health, family, financial, self-development and personnel. The sessions were conducted through tele-counselling, face-to-face and individual/group sessions. Some of the outcomes observed from the counselling sessions encompass enhanced work performance; heightened awareness and proficiency in

making sound financial decisions; and seeking further treatment from specialists for more severe cases.

### MITI Wellness Month

In support of the National Healthy Malaysia Agenda led by the Ministry of Health Malaysia, MITI launched the MITI Wellness Month in September 2023. This initiative seeks to promote healthy living and healthy aging among the MITI community. The official launch event featured activities such as Zumba sessions and health screenings, along with a bazaar held at MITI. The month-long programme concluded with MITI Inter-agency Sports 2023 to inculcate sportsmanship among the agencies, strengthen unity and create awareness on the health benefits in taking up sports.

# **Building Bonds: Community Engagement**

In 2023, Skuad Kasih MITI conducted several Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes aimed at supporting underprivileged communities. This reflects MITI's dedication to social responsibility, community welfare and humanitarian efforts.

# Skuad Kasih's Mission at Kampung Geylang, Pekan Pahang

On February 15, the Minister of MITI, along with MITI's management team and Skuad Kasih MITI, embarked on a CSR mission to Kampung Geylang in Pekan, Pahang. The team repaired a dilapidated surau and provided supplies and necessities for the community.



# Post Flood Aid Mission, Kluang

On 8 March 2023, Skuad Kasih MITI conducted a post-flood aid mission in Kluang, Johor to handover donations to those affected by the floods at two temporary evacuation centres. This initiative aimed to support and alleviate the hardships faced by the flood victims, demonstrating MITI's dedication to community support in times of crisis.







# Programme Ihya' Ramadan & Agihan Bubur Lambuk Skuad Kasih MITI & Yayasan YZA

On 10 April 2023, Skuad Kasih MITI, in collaboration with Yayasan YZA, held the Programme Ihya' Ramadan & Agihan Bubur Lambuk. This event took place at Rumah Anak Yatim Pertubuhan Kebajikan dan Pendidikan Al-Mahabbah and the Pangsapuri Sri Ayu community. During the programme, traditional bubur lambuk was distributed to orphans and residents, fostering a sense of community and sharing during the holy month of Ramadan. This initiative highlighted the importance of unity and compassion, reinforcing the values of charity and care for the less fortunate.





# CSR Programme at *Pertubuhan Rumah Anak Yatim/Miskin*, Kampung Sungai Buaya, Banting, Selangor

On 23 September 2023, Skuad Kasih MITI carried out a CSR programme at *Pertubuhan Rumah Anak Yatim/Miskin* in Kampung Sungai Buaya, Banting, Selangor. This programme focused on providing support and contributions to the orphanage, ensuring the wellbeing and development of the children residing there. The visit included various activities aimed at uplifting the spirits of the children and meeting their immediate needs, reflecting MITI's ongoing commitment to social responsibility and community welfare.







# Programme Penyampaian Sumbangan dan Menyantuni Anak-Anak Yatim at Rumah Anak Yatim Dahikmah, Gopeng, Perak

On 19 August 2023, Skuad Kasih MITI organised a programme dedicated to delivering donations and caring for orphans at *Rumah Anak Yatim Pertubuhan Kebajikan Anak-Anak Yatim/Miskin Dahikmah*, in Gopeng, Perak. This initiative involved engaging activities and personal interactions with the children, aimed at providing emotional support and encouragement. The programme underscored the importance of nurturing and supporting vulnerable groups within the community, showcasing MITI's dedication to humanitarian efforts.







# Programme for Providing Donations and Caring for *Tahfiz* Students and Homeless Individuals, Klang Valley

On 14 and 15 April 2023, in conjunction with the month of Ramadan, Skuad Kasih MITI conducted a programme to deliver donations and offer support to *tahfiz* students and homeless individuals around the Klang Valley. This two-day event was focused on providing essential items and care packages, reinforcing the spirit of giving and empathy that characterises the holy month. The programme highlighted MITI's commitment to addressing the needs of the underprivileged and promoting social cohesion and kindness within the community.







# **Chapter 5: Upholding Governance for Progress**

# **Background and Context**

Strong governance is crucial for the success and integrity of any organisation. It encompasses a wide range of practices and principles that ensure MITI operates efficiently, ethically and transparently. For a Ministry, anti-corruption measures are fundamental to maintaining public trust and ensuring that resources are used effectively and for their intended purposes. Simultaneously, maintaining openness and clarity in decision-making processes is crucial to fostering transparency and accountability. In the digital age, cyber security is a critical component of governance for a ministry. Protecting sensitive information and ensuring the integrity of digital infrastructure are essential for maintaining national security and public trust.

# **Anti-Corruption**

MITI is committed in implementing policies and procedures to prevent, monitor and eliminate any form of corruption in all its activities and personnel as well as in MITI's association with stakeholders. Among others, these include:

- a) Adhering to provisions under the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 (Act 694) and other applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures;
- b) Controlling and enhancing improvement by the governing body and top management through the Anti-Bribery Management System (ISO 37001: 2016);
- c) Providing proper channel and encourage reporting of all kinds of corruption activities through the Whistle-Blower Policy (https://shorturl.at/oVNh8);
- d) Practicing good governance in line with MITI's giving and Receiving of Gifts Policy (https://shorturl.at/oVNh8);
- e) Monitoring compliance of the Anti-Bribery Management System and reporting to the governing body and top management by the MITI's Compliance Function Committee; and
- f) Taking legal and/or disciplinary action against any violation of this policy.

## **Confirmed Cases**

# **Number of Confirmed Corruption Cases**

Corruption cases reported to Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commissioner (MACC)	0
Confirmed corruption cases (conviction)	0
Corruption and misconduct - 2024 Target	0

# **Training on Anti-Corruption**

Training related to anti-corruption measures has become increasingly prevalent in workplaces, with approximately 70 percent of MITI's employees having participated in various programmes conducted in 2023. These initiatives aim to instil ethical standards, raise awareness about the detrimental effects of corruption and equip employees with the knowledge and skills to identify, prevent and report corrupt practices. By fostering a culture of transparency and integrity, MITI not only mitigate the risks associated with corruption but also uphold our commitment to ethical conduct, thereby safeguarding our reputation and promoting sustainable practices.

# List of Training on Anti-Corruption

No	Programme	Number of
		Participants
1	Kuiz Pelan Pengurusan Risiko Rasuah MITI (PPRRM)	202
2	Ceramah Perdana Integriti Bersempena Sambutan Hari Integriti	201
3	Seminar Pengukuhan Integriti dan Antirasuah Peringkat Pengurusan Atasan dan Ketua Agensi - Siri 1	39
4	Seminar Pengukuhan Integriti dan Antirasuah Peringkat Pengurusan Atasan dan Ketua Agensi - Siri 2	35
5	Lawatan Berpandu Ke Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia	31
6	Kursus Keutuhan Diri Kumpulan Sokongan MITI Tahun 2023	26
7	Bengkel Pengukuhan Sistem Pengurusan Integriti Agensi (AIMS) bagi MITI dan Agensi	21
	Total	555

### **Declaration of Assets**

Overall, 100 percent of MITI's staff and officers (including Minister's office) have declared their assets. The implementation of asset declaration by MITI employees aligns with ESG

principles as it promotes transparency, integrity, and accountability in public service. This initiative fosters a culture of responsible governance, reduces the risk of conflicts of interest and corruption, and enhances trust and confidence among citizens.

# Monitoring Mechanism

- 1. Anti-Corruption Committee (Jawatankuasa Anti-Rasuah JAR) MITI;
- 2. Anti-Corruption Management System Compliance Function Committee (Jawatankuasa Fungsi Pematuhan Sistem Pengurusan Anti-Rasuah JFPSPAR) MITI;
- 3. Anti-Bribery Management System Compliance Audit; and
- 4. Disciplinary Board MITI.

# **Measures to Address Corruption**

- 1. Establish Integrity Unit as MITI was rated as a high-risk organisation by MACC. The unit functions as a focal point in managing issues related to integrity in MITI, which includes implementing six (6) core functions as follows:
  - a. Good Governance to ensure the implementation of good governance in MITI;
  - b. Integrity Enrichment to inculcate, institutionalise and implement the concept of integrity in MITI;
  - c. Identification and Verification to identify and verify complaints related to criminal misconduct, violations of code of conduct and ethics in MITI, and ensure appropriate actions are taken as well as to report criminal misconduct to the relevant enforcement agencies;
  - d. Complaints Management to receive and provide response to all complaints and information concerning criminal misconduct and violation of ethics in MITI;
  - e. Compliance to ensure laws and regulations are enforced and complied with; and
  - f. Discipline to function as the secretariat of the Disciplinary Board.
- 2. Conduct awareness programme on anti-corruption and integrity in the form of training and knowledge sharing.
- 3. Engage relevant government enforcement agencies (e.g: MACC) and internal divisions in MITI (e.g: Internal Audit, Finance, HR) to discuss mitigation measures on corruption and misconduct through relevant platform.
- 4. Appoint MITI Risk Officer to help disseminate information and as liaison officer between Integrity Unit and other divisions in MITI.
- 5. Create a systemic work processes to ensure complaints received are valid and the investigation process is transparent. Complaints are evaluated by Information Evaluation

Committee (*Jawatankuasa Menilai Maklumat*), established by Integrity Unit, before taking the necessary measures.

MITI is currently certified with SIRIM ISO 37001: 2016 - Anti-Bribery Management

Systems - Requirement with Guidance for Use

As a result of the corruption risk re-rating that has been done by MACC in 2023, MITI has been re-categorised as moderate in corruption risk. This is an achievement for MITI which was previously in high-risk category. This rating is valid for the period of 3 years until 2026.

# SIRIM ISO 37001:2016 and MODERATE RISK Rating by MACC







# Cybersecurity and data privacy

# Cybersecurity

The Information Management Division (*Bahagian Pengurusan Maklumat*, BPM) is responsible for providing ICT-related services to all divisions within the Ministry and all agencies under the Ministry. One of the main functions of BPM is to ensure that the Ministry's ICT security is maintained at a robust level of availability.

The Deputy Secretary General (Investment and Management) has been appointed as the Chief Digital Officer (CDO) for the MITI. The CDO is responsible for determining strategies and implementing ICT initiatives to achieve the vision and objectives of ICT development and usage within the agencies.

Meanwhile, MITI's ICT Security Officer (ICTSO) has been appointed and registered under National Cyber Security Agency (NACSA) for the effective dissemination of cybersecurity information. The ICTSO will monitor any cybersecurity issues, including incident management, in the event of cybersecurity-related issues within MITI and its agencies. Currently, MITI's ICTSO is the Manager of the ICT Security and Network Unit, BPM.

MITI has established the Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) Committee, which acts as the first level of support to National Cyber Coordination and Command Centre (NC4) in handling security incidents, monitoring, and providing cybersecurity advisory services to agencies under its supervision. This committee consists of representatives from the BPM and agencies under MITI. The committee is chaired by MITI'S ICTSO and meets at least once a year, depending on the level of crisis faced. NC4 continually reminds System Administrators and Network Administrators in the Ministry to enhance cybersecurity to ensure systems and networks remain secure. BPM also consistently ensures the management and security of the Ministry's information by implementing the following measures:

- a. Developing MITI ICT Security Policy (DKICT) which contains the rules that must be adhered to when using MITI's ICT assets. This policy also informs all MITI users about their responsibilities and roles in protecting the Ministry's ICT assets.
- b. Signing of Official Secrets Act 1972 (Act 88) annually by all MITI's personnel to ensure understanding and compliance regarding the protection of official secrets.

- c. Completing e-Vetting issued by the Chief Government Security Officer (CGSO) by all MITI's personnel to ensure the safety of the country's data, documents, and official secrets, preventing them from falling into the hands of foreign nations or irresponsible parties.
- d. Ensuring compliance by third parties including contractors, suppliers, and external service providers through the following requirements:
  - Read, understand, and comply with MITI's DKICT and sign the MITI ICT Security Policy Compliance Declaration;
  - o Sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA); and
  - o Fill in information on the e-Vetting System.
- e. Implementing the Digitalisation Strategic Plan which contains the strategic direction of digitalisation in line with the Ministry's vision, mission, objectives, and functions.
- f. Implementing Security Posture Assessment (SPA) including Web Application Security Assessment (WASA) and Performance Testing on each application system before it is opened to the public to ensure MITI's application systems are secure and have a high level of security.
- g. Disseminating ICT security-related information to MITI personnel through briefings, emails, or pop-up notifications on each computer and laptop.

# **Data Privacy**

MITI is firmly committed to safeguarding our data and privacy, both internal and external, in strict compliance with the PDA 2010, DKICT, and all other relevant legislation. This commitment is underscored in MITI's PSP (2022 – 2025), reflecting our proactive approach to digitalising our systems and processes.

MITI prioritises the regular review and updating of the data security infrastructure and measures through the oversight of the Information Security Management System (ISMS), aimed at preventing unauthorised access, security breaches and information leaks. Furthermore, to ensure the effectiveness of MITI's data security, we conduct routine assessments and simulations to evaluate and test our preparedness in the event of a data security breach, including monitoring system and data recovery system.

To maintain the integrity of its personnel, all MITI officers are required to undergo CGSO's e-Vetting process. This process identifies any personality weaknesses in public officials that may compromise the security of official information, particularly concerning compliance with ICT Security Policies.

In any business dealings involving MITI, vendors, or third parties, a NDA is mandatory. This agreement ensures that confidential information remains protected and undisclosed to unauthorised parties. Furthermore, all MITI personnel are annually required to sign the Official Secrets Act 1972 (Act 88). This legislation reinforces the importance of maintaining confidentiality and prohibits the disclosure of sensitive information to unauthorised individuals. By implementing these measures, MITI aims to safeguard sensitive information against potential threats and unauthorised disclosures.

MITI's CDO holds responsibility for keeping management informed about the latest data security implementations and strategies, including the development of an Action Plan on Data Protection and Privacy. MITI has obtained ISO 27001:2013 certification, an internationally recognised standard for ISMS, as part of its commitment to ensuring data security.

### ISO 27001:2013 Certification



## **Sources of Data**

- 1. MITI's website;
- 2. MITI communication with Consumer Engagement Centre;
- 3. Offline Registration Forms;
- 4. Printed or digital registration and forms;
- 5. Sistem Pengurusan Aduan Awam (SISPAA) an online channel to manage feedback such as supplications, appreciation, inquiries and suggestions from the public regarding MITI services;
- 6. Human Resources Management Information System (HRMIS);
- 7. Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM); and
- 8. Other ministries and government agencies such as Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Human Resource, Ministry of Home Affairs and Department of Immigration.

#### Use of Collected Data

Use of data		
1	Engage industries	
2	Understand current market	
3	Analyse data to formulate policy	
4	Manage human resource	

# Cyber Security and Data Privacy Policies and Guidelines at the National Level

- 1. 2003-PKPA 01: Garis Panduan Mengenai Tatacara Penggunaan Internet dan Mel Elektronik di Agensi-Agensi Kerajaan;
- 2. Pekeliling Am Bilangan 3 Tahun 2000 Rangka Dasar Keselamatan Teknologi Maklumat dan Komunikasi Kerajaan, 1 October 2000;
- 3. Malaysian Public Sector Management of Information & Communications Technology Security Handbook (MyMIS), 15 January 2002;
- 4. Surat Pekeliling Am Bilangan 6 Tahun 2005 Garis Panduan Penilaian Risiko Keselamatan Maklumat Sektor Awam, 7 November 2005;
- 5. Surat Pekeliling Am Bilangan 3 Tahun 2009 Garis Panduan Tahap Keselamatan Rangkaian dan Sistem ICT Sektor Awam, 17 November 2009;
- 6. Rangka Kerja Keselamatan Siber Sektor Awam (RAKKSSA);
- 7. Surat Pemakluman Pelaksanaan Fungsi Pengurusan Pengendalian Government Computer Emergency Response Team (GCERT) by NACSA, 28 January 2019;

- 8. Surat Pemakluman Pengurusan Maklumat Pegawai Keselamatan ICT (ICTSO) Sektor Awam, 28 February 2019;
- 9. Surat Pemakluman Kaedah Pelaksanaan Penilaian Risiko Keselamatan Maklumat Sektor Awam, 6 April 2022;
- 10. Pekeliling Am Bilangan 4 Tahun 2022 Pengurusan dan Pengendalian Insiden Keselamatan Siber Sektor Awam, 1 August 2022; and
- 11. 2010-SA KP: Garis Panduan Penggunaan ICT Ke Arah ICT Hijau dalam Perkhidmatan Awam.

# Cyber Security and Data Privacy Policies and Guidelines at MITI

- 1. Introduce Dasar Keselamatan ICT (DKICT);
- 2. Introduce Tatacara Penggunaan Internet dan Mel Elektronik;
- 3. Introduce Garis Panduan dan Etika Penggunaan Video Conferencing;
- 4. Introduce Garis Panduan Dalaman Penggunaan Komputer Sewaan MITI;
- 5. Implement Disaster Recovery Plan;
- 6. Polisi backup server, aplikasi dan data;
- 7. Conduct internal audit ISMS ISO/IEC 27001:2013 from 8 11 May 2023;
- 8. Surveillance Audit Pensijilan Sistem Pengurusan Keselamatan Maklumat (ISMS) ISO/IEC27001:2013 by SIRIM from 8 9 June 2023;
- 9. Ensure data security while using the ICT equipment and software from the following cyber-attacks:
  - a) Intrusions Prevention and Detection System;
  - b) Network monitoring;
  - c) Active Directory; and
  - d) Firewall.
- 10. Arrange cyber-attacks by Cyber Security Engineers on ICT systems to identify weaknesses in ICT systems such as networks and Mobile/Web applications;
- 11. Conduct annual testing on all system at MITI, encompassing Internal Penetration Test (IPT), External Penetration Test (EPT), Web Application Security Assessment (WASA), Performance Test;
- 12. Develop systems/applications using the latest platforms and technologies that include:
  - a) operating system;
  - b) programming language;
  - c) framework;
  - d) database; and
  - e) web-server

- 13. Conduct maintenance to ensure the availability of equipment and software as well as preparedness to face the threat of cyber-attacks;
- 14. Use a Virtualisation Environment by MITI's Data Centre with the concept of consolidation of resources such as CPU, Memory and Storage. With this, not much physical server is needed, further reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint; and
- 15. Select the ICT equipment materials from recycled materials to optimise sustainable waste management practices and reduces waste production.

# Complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and data security

Throughout the year 2023, five (5) security incidents related to attempted intrusions were reported. The following are the recorded incident statistics:

### Reported Cases in 2023

Types of cases	Number
Intrusion attempt	3 (February, March, December)
Denial of service (DoS)	1 (March)
Malicious software	1 (July)
Total	5

# Mitigation Measures

In addressing cyber security cases, MITI adopts comprehensive remediation and mitigation measures. These encompass a range of strategies aimed at preventing, detecting and responding to potential threats. Remediation efforts involve identifying vulnerabilities within systems and promptly patching or updating software to mitigate risks. Additionally, implementing robust access controls, encryption protocols, and multi-factor authentication bolsters defence mechanisms against unauthorised access and data breaches.

Furthermore, MITI prioritises employee training and awareness programmes to cultivate a cyber-resilient culture, empowering staff to recognise and report suspicious activities. In the event of a cyber incident, swift incident response protocols, including containment, investigation and recovery efforts, are crucial to minimising potential damages and restoring normal operations efficiently. By adopting a proactive approach to cyber security, we enhance our resilience against evolving threats and safeguard sensitive information effectively.

# Cyber Security Cases and Remediation / Mitigation Measures

When	Types of Cases	Remediation/Mitigation Measures	
February	Intrusion Attempt There was a suspicious activity through the Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) which indicated a high volume of access to the MITI network	Based on General Circular Number 4 2022 - Management and Handling of Cybersecurity Incidents in the Public Sector, MITI took actions according to clause 5 Priority Level 1 - Actions Against Cybersecurity, as follows:  1. Monitoring unidentified Internet Protocol (IP) addresses;  2. Implementing continuous monitoring; and  3. Conducting a Security Posture Assessment (SPA).	
March	Intrusion Unauthorised/unauthorised access to the MITI network	<ul> <li>3. Conducting a Security Posture Assessment (SPA).</li> <li>Based on General Circular Number 4 2022 - Management and Handling of Cybersecurity Incidents in the Public Sector, MITI took actions according to clause 5 Priority Level 1 - Actions Against Cybersecurity, as follows:</li> <li>1. Identify individuals using unauthorised software;</li> <li>2. Inform individuals to set a more secure password so that incidents of data misuse through the MITI network can be avoided; and</li> <li>3. Carry out continuous monitoring.</li> </ul>	
March	Denial of Service (DoS) or Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)  An attack occurred on the website of the DSM on 17 March 2023, causing high traffic and rendering the website inaccessible.	Based on General Circular Number 4 2022 - Management and Handling of Cybersecurity Incidents in the Public Sector, MITI took actions according to clause 5 Priority Level 2 - Actions Against Cybersecurity, as follows:  1. Inform DSM to close the website immediately;	

When	Types of Cases	Remediation/Mitigation Measures	
December	Intrusion Attempt The Malaysia Computer Emergency Response Team (MyCERT) has received reports regarding a data leak related to MATRADE Portal (mgallery.matrade.gov.my).	<ol> <li>Advise the agency to implement corrective actions in the near future; and</li> <li>Carry out continuous monitoring.</li> <li>Based on General Circular Number 4 2022 - Management and Handling of Cybersecurity Incidents in the Public Sector, MITI took actions according to clause 5 Priority Level 1 - Actions Against Cybersecurity, as follows:</li> <li>Inform MATRADE about the potential attacks reported by MYCERT; and</li> </ol>	
July	Malicious Software Infection (Malware) Refers to malware designed to enter the Barracuda Email Security Gateway	<ol> <li>Advise the agency to carry out continuous monitoring.</li> <li>Based on General Circular Number 4 2022 - Management and Handling of Cybersecurity Incidents in the Public Sector, MITI took actions according to clause 5 Priority Level 1 - Actions Against Cybersecurity, as follows:         <ol> <li>Carry out continuous monitoring; and</li> <li>Inform the CSIRT Committee for monitoring actions.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

## **Government Procurement**

MITI is committed to maintaining sustainability within its procurement processes, emphasising fairness, transparency and accountability. All purchasing procedures and decisions strictly adhere to the Treasury Circular and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), ensuring equitable treatment of our suppliers. To further bolster compliance, MITI has introduced *Kit Pengurusan Kewangan MITI Versi 3.0* as a comprehensive reference tool for all staff members, facilitating better understanding and adherence to existing regulations.

As a governmental organisation, MITI requires all suppliers to utilise the e-Procurement system for submitting quotations and tender submissions for various projects. Furthermore, suppliers are expected to adhere strictly to our Code of Conduct and Procurement Integrity terms, as explicitly outlined in the e-Procurement's terms and conditions. Additionally, a Tender Committee has been established with the responsibility of overseeing the contract award process for all purchases exceeding RM500,000.00.

MITI is dedicated in supporting the local economy by prioritising local suppliers. Therefore, 100 percent of the procurement is sourced locally. This fosters economic resilience and community development while minimising carbon emissions linked to long-distance transportation. By championing local procurement practices, MITI demonstrates its commitment to driving positive environmental and socio-economic outcomes while contributing to the overall wellbeing of the communities it serves.

# **Chapter 6: GRI Content Index**

# Statement of Use

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# Chapter 7: Unifying Sustainability

# Aligning MITI's Initiatives with SDGs and GRI Standards for Sustainable Transformation

At MITI, we are committed to contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our sustainability strategy is aligned with these Global Goals, ensuring that our operations not only generate value but also support the wellbeing of communities and the environment. Below, we outline how our key initiatives align with specific SDGs.

GRI 201: Economic Performance 2016 GRI 201-1: Direct economic value generated and distributed					
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome and Tar	get		
8.1: Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances.	<ul> <li>Signed 16 FTAs. These are pivotal in promoting</li> </ul>		2021	2030	
8.2: Achieve higher levels of economic productivity	economic developr facilitating trade, inve	, , ,	364.1	581.5	
through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value	cooperation between countries.	participating Employment (million persons)	2.7	3.3	
added and labour-intensive sectors.	<ul> <li>To further bolster the g</li> </ul>	Median salary (RM)	1,976	4,510	
8.3: Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation,	manufacturing sector, initiatives were introdu		12	25	
entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalisation and growth of micro-,	Framework and Chemi	D30, i-ESG Export-oriented SMEs ical Industry (% share of export)	11.7	25	
small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services.	Roadmap	High-tech manufacturing product (% of GDP)	8.1	15	
8.4: Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, with developed countries taking the lead.	<ul> <li>Trade and investment in has conducted numeror investment missions attract FDI, promot industries, and copportunities.</li> </ul>	us trade and globally to			

8.5: Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men.	
8.6: By 2030, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training.	
17.A: Promote a universal trading system under the World Trade Organisation (WTO).	
17.D: Enhance global macroeconomic stability	
17.E: Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development.	

GRI 302: Energy 2016 GRI 302-1: Total energ

GRI 302-1: Total energy consumption within the organisation from renewable and non-renewable sources

GRI 302-3: Energy Intensity ratio within the organisation

GRI 302-4: Reduction of energy consumption SDGs

7.2: By 2030, increase substantially the share of	
renewable energy in the global energy mix.	

- 7.3: By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency.
- 8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, with developed countries taking the lead.
- 12.2: By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources.
- 13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries

 Implement ongoing efforts to increase the number of solar panels, enhancing the capacity for renewable energy generation.

**Actions Taken** 

- Utilise the GHG Protocol and internationally-recognised emission factors<sup>16</sup> in all emission calculations, ensuring accuracy and alignment with global best practices in carbon accounting and reporting.
- Intensify efforts to improve energy efficiency across operations, with detailed strategies and outcomes outlined in pages 52 - 53 of the report. These efforts aim to optimise energy use, reduce waste, and lower overall environmental impact.

# Outcome and Target

	2023	2030
Solar energy (% of total	1	10
energy consumption)		
Per capita energy	7,900	7,100
consumption (kWh)		

	2023	2030
MITI's Building Energy Index (BEI)	95	<100

### Overall Target:

To achieve a 10% reduction in energy consumption from non-renewable sources by 2030, through the adoption of energy-efficient technologies, increased use of renewable energy, and the implementation of sustainable practices across all operations.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> i-ESGStart, i-ESG Framework, MITI 2023.

GRI 305-1: Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions GRI 305-2: Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions GRI 305-3: Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions GRI 305-4: GHG emissions intensity GRI 305-5: Reduction of GHG emissions					
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome and Target			
3.9: By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and	disclosure of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, along with a partial	To reduce 2% (CAGR) and to be below the national level			
contamination.	disclosure of Scope 3 emissions.	2023 2030 (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e) % (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e) %			
12.4: By 2030, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimise their adverse impacts on human health and the environment  13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries.	<ul> <li>By monitoring these emissions, MITI can take action to reduce their carbon footprint, aligning with SDGs, which calls for urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.</li> <li>Adhere to the Treasury Circular by minimising overseas travel, thereby reducing associated carbon emissions and operational costs.</li> </ul>	(kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)         %         (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)         %           Scope 1         266,543         4.6         225,819         4.6           Scope 2         4,670,540         80.4         3,957,375         80.4           Scope 3         875,480         15.1         741,731         15.1           Total         5,812,563         100         4,924,925         100			
<ul> <li>14.3: Minimise and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels.</li> <li>15.2: By 2030, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.</li> </ul>	Implement measures to decrease direct energy usage, as detailed on pages 52 - 53 of the report, to lower Scope 2 emissions and contribute to overall sustainability goals.				

GRI 303-5: Water Consumption					
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) and Target			
6.4: By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity	<ul> <li>Enhance rain water harvesting system.</li> <li>Conduct routine checks for leaks in all water systems to prevent wastage.</li> <li>Promote water conservation through targeted awareness campaigns integrated into the EKSA framework.</li> <li>Install water aerators in faucets as part of the medium-term strategy to reduce water usage and promote efficiency.</li> </ul>	m³   2023   %   2030   %			

GRI 306-2: Management of significant waste-related impacts GRI 306-3: Waste generated					
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) an	d Target		
3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.	<ul> <li>Establish recycling programmes within MITI and promote the reuse of materials. For instance, setting up recycling bins for paper, plastic, and metals at all floors as well as to</li> </ul>	MITI aims to reduce its waste by 10 on sustainable practices, waste mir increased recycling efforts.			
8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple	recycled paper and introducing composting equipment for dry waste materials.	Total waste generated	309.5	278.6	
economic growth from environmental	waste materials.	Percentage from total waste	2023	2030	
degradation, in accordance with the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, with developed countries taking the lead.  12.4: By 2030, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimise their adverse impacts on human health and the environment.	Collaborate with suppliers to use recycled materials in production.  Phase out single-use plastics across all departments and operations.  Provide a small discount on meals or drinks for employees who use their own containers or tumblers.	Waste diverted from disposal (%)	0.8	10	
12.5: By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse					

GRI 401-1: New employee hires and turnover GRI 401-2: Benefits to employees GRI 401-3: Leave benefits to employees				
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) a	nd Targe	t
3.2: By 2030, end preventable deaths of new-borns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at	<ul> <li>Regularly monitor and report on employee turnover within the Ministry to identify and address workplace issues and satisfaction.</li> </ul>		2023	2024
least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births	Continue to provide employees with benefits in strict accordance with the latest	Transfer application received to reduce by 10%	59	53
5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all	Government circulars, ensuring all entitlements are fully met.	Compliance with circular on benefits	100%	100%
women and girls everywhere	Continue to implement government-	Compliance with circular on leaves	100%	100%
5.4: Recognise and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate	mandated leave benefits, including parental leave, unrecorded leave for cultural or religious celebrations, and pilgrimage leave,	Compliance with minimum wage regulations for all nonemployee workers.	100%	100%
8.4: By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value	Maintain flexible working hours to create a conducive work environment, empowering employees to manage their time effectively and maintain a healthy work-life balance.			
8.5: By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value	Ensure that all non-employee workers receive remuneration that meets or exceeds the minimum wage threshold, ensuring fair compensation for all contributors.			
10.3: Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard	<ul> <li>Continue to conduct various welfare programmes such as the Secretary Day, festivities celebrations as well as recreational activities.</li> </ul>			

GRI 403-1: Occupational health and safety management system
GRI 403-2: Hazard identification, risk assessment and incident investigation
GRI 403-4: Worker participation, consultation and communication on occupa-

GRI 403-6: Promotion of worker health SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (20	23) and Targ	et
8.8: Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women	Ensure compliance with OSHA 1994 to maintain a safe and healthy work environment for all employees.	Number of accidents / incidents	2023	2024
migrants, and those in precarious employment.	Form a dedicated OSHA Committee that	Lift entrapment Fire incident	2	0
16.7: Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.	convenes quarterly to review and address policy matters, OSHA programs, and	The measure	2023	2024
3.3: By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical	workplace health and safety issues, ensuring continuous improvement.	Number of safety- related trainings	4	4
diseases and combat hepatitis, waterborne diseases and other communicable diseases.  3.5: Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse including parentia drug abuse and	<ul> <li>Conduct routine safety inspections and walkabouts to proactively identify and mitigate potential hazards in the workplace.</li> </ul>	Free health screening Wellness Month	2023 ongoing September	2024 ongoing September
substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol.  3.8: Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective,	<ul> <li>Implement regular fogging and sanitisation procedures to maintain a hygienic workplace, particularly in response to emerging health concerns.</li> </ul>	Counselling sessions	127	> 100
quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.	<ul> <li>Actively share vital safety and health information with all staff to ensure awareness and adherence to best practices.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Offer regular safety training sessions, including fire drills to equip employees with essential knowledge and skills.</li> </ul>			

- Provide free health screenings and counselling sessions to employees to promote early detection and prevention of health issues including mental and emotional health
- Organise physical activities such as Zumba, Sweat Off, and yoga sessions to encourage active lifestyles and reduce stress among employees.
- Maintain an onsite gym facility and host an annual Wellness Month, featuring various health and wellness programs to inspire healthy living.

GRI 404-1: Average hours of training per year per employee
GRI 404-2: Type and scope of programmes implemented and assistance provided to upgrade employee skills.
GRI 404-3: Percentage of total employees by gender and by employee category who received a regular performance and career

SDGs		Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) and Target
4.3: By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university.	•	Implement a detailed and data-driven TNA process that not only identifies current skills and knowledge gaps but also anticipates future needs	2023   2030
4.4: By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.	•	Develop a communication strategy that emphasises the long-term career growth, job satisfaction, and personal development benefits of training	7 days of training  2023 2030  Employees receiving 100% 100% regular
4.5: By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations.	•	Expand the range of training courses to include not only technical skills but also soft skills, leadership, sustainability practices, and digital literacy	performance and career development
5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.  8.2: Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and	•	Adopt a continuous monitoring system through MyTraining that tracks not just participation rates but also the quality and effectiveness of training programs	
innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors.  8.5 By 2030, achieve full and productive employment	•	Invest in and promote user-friendly, accessible online learning platforms that offer flexible learning paths	
and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.  10.3 Ensure equal opportunity and reduce	•	Ensure a transparent and equitable assessment process by utilising the LNPT and HRMIS systems effectively	
inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard.	•	Promote life-long learning through various programmes conducted by MITI library	

<ul> <li>Implement a rigorous and equitable selection process to reward exceptional employees, ensuring that selection is based on merit, performance, and adherence to organisational</li> </ul>	
values	

GRI 405-1: Percentage of individuals with	GRI 405-1: Percentage of individuals within the organisation's governance bodies by gender and age group					
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) and Target				
5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.	inclusivity by ensuring the representation of female officers in	2023 2030				
5.5: Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision making in political, economic and public life.  8.5: By 2030, achieve full and productive	<ul> <li>leadership roles and the inclusion of people with special needs.</li> <li>Gather data on the composition of the governance bodies and workforce.</li> </ul>	Percentage of female 69 > 50 employees at the management level from total workforce				
employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and	Provide comprehensive leadership development and skill-building					
persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.		2023 2030				
	Adhere to Government's circular on recruitment and promotion to ensure	Percentage of special 0.5 1 needs employees from the total workforce				
	transparency, fairness and alignment with regulatory standards.					
	Provide day-care centre to foster a supportive and inclusive workplace.					

GRI 413-1: Operations with local community engagement, impact assessments, and development programmes				
SDGs		Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) and Target	
1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.  2.3 By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and nonfarm employment	•	Conduct community engagement programmes. These includes providing support to flood victims and distributing food to the underprivileged communities.  MITI actively engages with communities through annual event such as Setahun Bersama Kerajaan Madani and MITI day, which are held nationwide.  MITI also launched the Kampung Madani Project, which includes the construction of a multi-purpose hall on waqf land belonging to Tebuk Mufrad Mosque in Kampung Tebuk Mufrad, Sabah Bernam.  MITI Day features various activities designed to provide advice, guidance and an introduction to the services and function of MITI and its associated agencies.	and is expected to continue these efforts through Squad Kasih MITI, along with a new initiative called the Kampung Angkat Madani Project.	

SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (202)	3) and Targ	et
16.5: Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms.	(https://encr.pw/gJdv0)		2023	2024
	"No Gift Policy" (https://l1nq.com/gJdv0)	Cases reported to MACC	0	0
	(neeps.//tinq.com/gsavo)	Confirmed cases	0	0
	Whistle-Blower Protection Policy (https://encr.pw/gJdv0)			
	( <u>Inteps.//encr.pw/gJdvo</u> )		2023 -	2027 -
	Conduct training on anti-corruption		2026	2030
		Risk Rating	Medium	Low
			2023	2024
		Asset Declaration by MITI's staff and officers	100%	100%
			2023	2024
		Training on anti-corruption (Percentage of attendance)	70%	80%

GRI 204-1: Proportion of spending on loca	GRI 204-1: Proportion of spending on local suppliers					
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) and Target				
8.3: Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and	Introduced Kit Pengurusan Kewangan MITI Versi 3.0	2023 2024				
innovation, and encourage the formalisation and growth of SMEs, including through access to financial services.	Adhere to Treasury Circular and SOPs to ensure equitable treatment to the suppliers	Percentage of procurement 100 100 sourced locally				
<ul><li>12.2: By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources.</li><li>12.7: Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.</li></ul>	Utilise e-Procurement system to ensure transparency and accountability in government tendering process					
	Prioritise local suppliers to stimulate local economies, create jobs, and support SMEs					
	Reduce the environmental impact associated with transportation and logistics, thus promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, by prioritising local procurement					

GRI 418-1: Substantiated complaints conc	GRI 418-1: Substantiated complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data				
SDGs	Actions Taken	Outcome (2023) and Target			
16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.  16.10: Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements	<ul> <li>Establish a comprehensive ICT Security Policy tailored to MITI's operational needs, ensuring alignment with national cybersecurity standards.</li> </ul>	Outcome (2023) and Target  2023 2024  Documented cases of cyber 5 0  threats			
	<ul> <li>Implement e-vetting procedures to assess and verify the integrity and security of individuals handling sensitive data, documents, and official secrets.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Execute a strategic plan for digital transformation, including regular Security Posture Assessments to identify and mitigate potential vulnerabilities.</li> <li>Regularly brief MITI personnel on ICT security matters, using various</li> </ul>				

channels such as emails and notifications, to maintain awareness and compliance.	
<ul> <li>Ensure strict adherence to organisational and national cybersecurity and data privacy policies, safeguarding information at all levels.</li> </ul>	

# **Assurance Report**



Independent Limited Assurance Report on Subject Matter Information in Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry's Sustainability Report 2023

#### Introduction

We, ESGright Sdn Bhd (formerly known as The Academy of ESG and Sustainability Sdn Bhd) (ESGright), were engaged by the Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry (MITI) to provide limited assurance on selected common sustainability matters (Subject Matter Information) as reported by MITI in its Sustainability Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Sustainability Report).

#### **Limited Assurance Conclusion**

Based on the procedures we performed and the evidence we obtained as described below, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matters (SMs) identified below and included in the Sustainability Report 2023 have not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria. This conclusion should be read in the context of the remainder of this report.

### Scope of Our Work

Our work was limited to providing assurance over selected common sustainability matters reported in MITI's Sustainability Report. The Subject Matter Information should be read and understood together with the Reporting Criteria, which MITI is solely responsible for selecting and applying.

Subject Matters (SMs)	Measurement Unit	Subject Matter Information
GHG Emissions	kgCO2e	Pages 50 - 54 of Sustainability Report
Energy Consumption	kWh	Pages 51 - 53 of Sustainability Report

Subject Matters (SMs)	Measurement Unit	Subject Matter Information
Water Consumption	m <sup>3</sup>	Page 54 of Sustainability Report
Occupational Health and Safety	Not applicable	Pages 67 - 72 of Sustainability Report
Anti-corruption	Not applicable	Pages 76 - 77 of Sustainability Report

Our assurance is specific to the Subject Matter Information for the year ended 31 December 2023. We have not performed procedures on earlier periods or any other information in the Sustainability Report and do not express any conclusions thereon.

## Reporting Criteria

The Subject Matter Information should be read and understood in conjunction with the Reporting Criteria, which MITI is solely responsible for selecting and applying. The reporting criteria adopted are based on MITI's internal sustainability reporting guidelines, including their definitions and calculation methodologies as disclosed within the Sustainability Report.

The Subject Matters were assessed according to Sustainability Reporting Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative "GRI Standards 2021.

# Responsibilities of the Secretary General and Senior Management

The Secretary General and Senior Management of MITI are responsible for:

- Determining appropriate sustainability matters and selecting suitable
   Reporting Criteria for measuring the underlying Subject Matters;
- Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of Subject Matter Information free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- Selecting and/or establishing suitable Reporting Criteria;
- Measuring, evaluating, and presenting the Subject Matter Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria; and
- Preparing the Sustainability Report and the Reporting Criteria.

## Our Responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- Planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance on whether the Subject Matter Information has been prepared in accordance with the Reporting Criteria;
- Forming an independent limited assurance conclusion based on the work performed and evidence obtained; and
- Reporting our limited assurance conclusion to MITI.

# Our Quality Management and Independence

Our firm operates under a quality management system designed to ensure compliance with ethical, professional, legal, and regulatory standards. We confirm that we have maintained our independence throughout the engagement and possess the necessary competencies and experience to conduct this assurance engagement in accordance with professional principles of integrity, objectivity, confidentiality, and due care.

### Assurance Standards and Level of Assurance

We conducted a limited assurance engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information." This standard requires that we plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Subject Matter Information is free from material misstatement.

A limited assurance engagement involves procedures that are less extensive than those for a reasonable assurance engagement, and consequently, the level of assurance obtained is lower. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion.

#### **Work Performed**

Considering the engagement's nature, our work included, but was not restricted to:

- Assessing the suitability of the Reporting Criteria as the basis of preparation for the Subject Matter Information;
- Conducting interviews with MITI's management and relevant staff responsible for collating and preparing the sustainability report;
- Assessing the risk of material misstatement of the Subject Matter Information due to fraud or error and responding to the risk as appropriate;
- Examining selected documents and conducting interviews to understand the processes, systems, and controls for preparing and reporting the Subject Matter Information;
- Performing analytical procedures to check data consistency and trends.
- Conducting limited substantive testing by agreeing a selection of the Subject Matter Information to corresponding supporting documentation;
- Evaluating carbon conversion factors, unit conversions, and other calculations used by MITI;
- Assessing MITI's organisational boundary for reporting; and
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the Subject Matter Information.

During the verification process, we raised issues and sought clarifications from MITI's management regarding the accuracy of certain information. As a result, MITI reviewed and revised the Sustainability Report. We confirm that the final version satisfactorily addressed all issues raised.

#### **Inherent Limitations**

Non-financial information, such as the Subject Matter Information, is subject to inherent limitations due to varying acceptable evaluation and measurement techniques, which may affect comparability over time. Additionally, internal controls may not fully eliminate the risk of error or irregularities. Our procedures were conducted on a test basis and were not designed to detect all control weaknesses.

The scope of work did not extend to other information in the Sustainability Report or physical inspections of MITI's assets or third-party data verification.

**Intended Use of This Report** 

This limited assurance report, including our conclusion, has been prepared solely

for the Secretary General and Senior Management of MITI in accordance with the

terms of the engagement letter. It is not intended for any other use or party.

We do not assume responsibility or liability to any party other than MITI for our

work, this report, or the conclusions reached.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Ministry of

Investment, Trade and Industry and is not intended for use by other parties.

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