

Green Building Index course to bring green knowledge to Sarawak

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KUCHING: The first Sarawak Green Building Index course will be held at the CIDB Convention Centre Sarawak from tomorrow until Saturday (March 7-9).

Organised by Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSC) and the Malaysia Green Building Confederation (MGBC), the course is in support of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg's green initiatives.

Supported by the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, the Green Building Index facilitators course will enable the building industry and local authorities to address the importance of green building in mitigating global warming.

Green building experts will share their knowledge on reducing green building capital cost, increasing green building value to the market, and lowering carbon emissions.

A press statement said the technologies and expertise to drive buildings to lower energy consumption and near net zero carbon emissions are available today, and many countries have set a roadmap for sustainable buildings by 2030 as it is a technically feasible solution.

With the built environment contributing to 30 per cent of the world's carbon emissions, energy efficiency, effective reduction, and conservation of our resources are the low hanging fruits towards achieving the green transformation.

The press statement said expensive green buildings are the epitome of poor understanding and knowledge in green building technologies, where green is often an after-thought instead of part of the core planning and design.

While green buildings cost more a decade ago, the world market has since reached a saturation point where many green products have become the norm in building construction.

This reduces the additional green cost for a green building to near zero for certified buildings adopting cooler buildings.

"Green buildings reduce the carbon and ecological footprint on our fragile environment, and climate change risk, while improving health and wellbeing.

"With such noble intentions, every person in the world, especially in Malaysia, should be working and living in a green building," said the press release.