

PRESS RELEASE

MALAYSIA TO COLLABORATE WITH THE OECD AND THE OCEAN CLEANUP TO TACKLE PLASTIC POLLUTION

Paris, May 26, 2023 – The Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Malaysia (NRECC) is delighted to announce its collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in an effort to advance on plastic-waste related data for Malaysia as an input to OECD's Regional Plastics Outlook. The bilateral meeting, led by Dato' Rosli bin Isa, the Secretary General of NRECC, took place at the OECD Headquarters in Paris during the OECD pre-Second Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC-2) event, "Towards an International Treaty on Plastics Pollution".

During the meeting, NRECC and the OECD engaged in substantive discussion on a range of environmental issues, primarily on the issue of plastic waste data, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, resource management and water conservation. Both parties acknowledged the importance of promoting partnerships in addressing these challenges and showed an interest in potential strategic cooperation between the two organizations in these areas.

Furthermore, the discussion explored the possibility of establishing internship arrangements for NRECC officers, allowing them to benefit from the expertise and knowledge-sharing opportunities offered by the OECD and the OECD to learn more about the Malaysian environmental challenges and innovative solutions. This could enhance the capacity building and professional development of NRECC officers, contributing to their effectiveness in implementing sustainable practices within the organization.

On a separate occasion, NRECC led by Dato' Rosli bin Isa, had a bilateral meeting with Boyan Slat, Founder & CEO of The Ocean Cleanup on 28 May 2023 at the UNESCO Headquarters to discuss about the potential collaboration to tackle the plastic pollution. Recognizing the urgent need to address the growing threat of plastic pollution, NRECC is taking decisive action by joining forces with The Ocean Cleanup, renowned for its innovative approaches and impactful initiatives.

The strategic collaboration between NRECC and these organizations could provide value for Malaysia in our effort to end plastic pollution, not only at national level but also within the region. NRECC is also expected to formalize the commitment towards collaborative efforts on environmental initiatives with these strategic partners during the upcoming International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference (IGEM) 2023.

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