

BASF PETRONAS Chemicals and Green Growth Asia Foundation Inspire Future Green Innovators at 3rd Eco-Schools Green Science & Technology Carnival

Kuantan, Malaysia, 24 September 2026 – BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. (BPC) and Green Growth Asia Foundation (GGAF) successfully hosted the 3rd Eco-Schools Green Science & Technology Carnival, bringing together more than **1,300 students** from **25 schools** nationwide in a celebration of sustainability, innovation and STEM learning.

Held at SM Teknik Kuantan with the support of the Ministry of Education Malaysia, the carnival marked the finale of the Green Innovation Science Project (GISPRO) 2026, one of Malaysia's leading student platforms for environmental innovation. A total of **92 schools** submitted **180 project videos** nationwide in developing practical solutions to environmental challenges.

A Growing Movement for Sustainability

GISPRO 2026 achieved its highest participation to date, reflecting the growing enthusiasm among young Malaysians to apply science and technology in addressing sustainability challenges. Finalists presented their innovations before a panel of judges from academia, industry and environmental organisations, while volunteers from BPC and Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) conducted hands-on STEM activities and sustainability-focused experiential learning sessions through its interactive exhibitions, exposing the 1,300 students to university and industrial level research and innovation.

Tan Aik Meam, Managing Director of BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn. Bhd., said: *"The record participation in GISPRO 2026 is a strong reflection of the creativity and commitment of Malaysian students towards building a more sustainable future. Through initiatives such as GISPRO and the Eco-Schools Green Science & Technology Carnival, we aim to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to become tomorrow's sustainability and innovation leaders."*

Datuk Ir. Ts. Dr. Mahadi Mohamad, Executive Director of Green Growth Asia Foundation, added: *"The continued growth of GISPRO demonstrates that sustainability is becoming increasingly important to Malaysia's younger generation. By encouraging students to transform ideas into practical solutions, we are nurturing future changemakers who can contribute meaningfully to the nation's sustainable development."*

Jasmi Bin Md Isa, Deputy Director, Planning and Research Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia highlighted the importance of partnerships that strengthen STEM education and environmental awareness among students.

"Programmes such as GISPRO provide students with valuable opportunities to develop critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills while deepening their understanding of sustainability. These experiences help prepare the next generation for the opportunities and challenges of the future."

Driving Future-Ready Talent

Now in its third year, the Eco-Schools Green Science & Technology Carnival continues to demonstrate the collective commitment of BASF PETRONAS Chemicals, Green Growth Asia Foundation, UMPSA and educational partners to nurture future-ready talent through sustainability education and experiential STEM learning.

By connecting students with industry professionals, academics and sustainability advocates, the programme continues to inspire young Malaysians to innovate, lead and contribute towards a greener and more sustainable future.

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About BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn. Bhd.

BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. is a Malaysia-based joint venture between BASF and PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad (PCG) a subsidiary of Petroliaam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS), Malaysia's fully integrated oil and gas multinational. Incorporated in 1997, the company operates an integrated Verbund site situated in the Gebeng Industrial Zone, Kuantan, Pahang. The company's share capital is 60% held by BASF and 40% held by PCG. Key products include acrylic monomers, oxo products, 2-ethylhexanoic acid, highly reactive polyisobutene and aroma ingredients.

For more information, visit our website www.basf-petronas.com.my.

About Green Growth Asia Foundation

GGAF, also known as the Green Growth Asia Foundation, is an international civil society organisation advocating for the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations (UN) and headquartered in Melaka, Malaysia. GGAF is the national operator for the Eco-Schools Malaysia programme appointed by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). Through mental reengineering and initiatives based on the UN Greening Education Partnership, GGAF empowers youth for individual climate action. Established in 2015, GGAF supports holistic impact and drives change through education, aligning with national and global sustainability targets.

For more information, visit our website www.greengrowthasia.org/ecoschools.my.

About Eco-Schools Malaysia

The Eco-Schools programme is an education-based initiative aimed at encouraging young people to engage in environmental issues and sustainability by providing them with opportunities to actively protect the environment through identified, designed and implemented eco projects within school premises. Through this programme, students can better understand the concepts they have learned, thereby enhancing their awareness, experience, and interest in environmental education.

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