

An aerial photograph of a dense, vibrant green forest. A glowing blue line, resembling a path or a road, winds through the trees from the top left towards the bottom center. Along this path, several stylized, futuristic car icons are depicted, suggesting a sustainable transportation system. The overall scene conveys a message of nature and technology coexisting.

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Chapter 1, "Malaysia's Sustainable Development," provides an overview of how Malaysia balances economic expansion with environmental preservation, aiming for a sustainable future. Chapter 2, "Bridging the Divide: Tackling Income Inequality in Malaysia," examines the socioeconomic challenges and initiatives to reduce income disparities, highlighting the importance of equity in sustainable development. Chapter 3, "Sustaining the Plate: Food Security in Malaysia," focusses on the critical issue of food security and its implications for socioeconomic well-being, discussing strategies to ensure a stable food supply. Chapters 4, 5, and 6 delve into corporate sustainability. Chapter 4, "Sustainability Management Accounting Practices in the Malaysian Electrical Industry," explores how businesses integrate sustainability into their financial practices. Chapter 5, "Revealing Disclosure Strategies: An Analysis of Corporate SDG Engagement," analyses corporate commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Chapter 6, "Navigating Sustainability in the Halal Industry: A Manufacturer's Dilemma," discusses the unique sustainability challenges faced by the halal industry.

This book is targeted at policymakers, business leaders, academics, and students interested in sustainable development, providing a detailed roadmap for achieving a balanced and sustainable future in Malaysia.



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PREFACE

Sustainable development has become a crucial goal for nations worldwide, and Malaysia is no exception. As the world faces unprecedented environmental, economic, and social challenges, the need for a balanced and sustainable approach to development is more urgent than ever. This book, *Malaysia's Sustainable Pathways*, offers a comprehensive exploration of Malaysia's journey toward achieving sustainable development across various dimensions.

The aim of this book is to provide insights into Malaysia's efforts to harmonise economic growth with environmental preservation, social equity, and corporate responsibility. By presenting detailed analyses and case studies, the book seeks to contribute to the ongoing dialogue on sustainable development and inspire innovative solutions that can be applied not only in Malaysia but also in other contexts. The book is structured to cover key areas of sustainability, beginning with Chapter 1, which examines Malaysia's attempt to balance economic expansion with environmental sustainability, highlighting the policies and strategies employed to ensure growth does not come at the expense of the environment. Chapter 2 focuses on tackling income inequality in Malaysia, a crucial element of social sustainability, and explores innovative approaches and policies aimed at reducing the gap between different income groups. In Chapter 3, the book delves into the vital issue of food security, examining the strategies and initiatives implemented to safeguard Malaysia's food supply. Chapter 4 shifts focus to the corporate sector, revealing how businesses in the Malaysian electrical industry integrate sustainability into their financial practices, demonstrating the link between economic performance and sustainable practices. Chapter 5 analyses how Malaysian corporations engage with

the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a particular emphasis on their disclosure strategies and commitment to sustainability. Finally, Chapter 6 addresses the halal industry, exploring the unique challenges it faces in integrating sustainability, while also highlighting the innovative solutions manufacturers employ to navigate these challenges. Through these chapters, the book provides a comprehensive overview of Malaysia's sustainability journey and the efforts being made to build a more sustainable future.

Malaysia's Sustainable Pathways is targeted at policymakers, business leaders, academics, and students who are passionate about creating a sustainable future. We believe that by sharing knowledge and experiences, we can collectively move towards a brighter, more sustainable Malaysia.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the contributors and researchers whose hard work and dedication have made this book possible. We hope that this book will serve as a valuable resource and inspire continued efforts towards sustainability in Malaysia and beyond.

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