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THE 6th ASEAN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE CITIES (ESC) AWARD & 5th CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION (COR) CEREMONY RECOGNIZED 29 CITIES

Through Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), Malaysia hosted the 6th ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) Award and the 5th Certificates of Recognition (COR) Ceremony in conjunction with the Official Gala Dinner of the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment (AMME) in Langkawi. The successful organisation of this awards ceremony is one of the key deliverables of Malaysia's hosting of the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME).

At the ceremony, ten (10) ASEAN cities were conferred the 6th ESC Award, while nineteen (19) cities received the 5th COR in recognition of achievements across five categories: Clean Air, Clean Land, Clean Water, Urban Biodiversity and Green Spaces and Circular Economy.

The ESC Award is ASEAN's environmental recognition programme, honouring cities that demonstrate outstanding commitment to maintaining clean, green and liveable environments amidst rapid urbanisation and economic growth.

Malaysia was proud to be recognised among the award recipients. Kota Tinggi was honoured with the 6th ESC Award, while Johor Bahru, Bandaraya Diraja Klang, Petaling Jaya, Hang Tuah Jaya, Banting and Melaka received the COR across multiple categories. These recognitions reaffirm Malaysia's strong commitment to advancing

sustainability at the local level and contributing to ASEAN's shared vision of building resilient, liveable and environmentally sustainable cities.

NRES also extends its heartiest congratulations to all the winning cities from ASEAN Member States. Their achievements not only serve as an inspiration to other cities in the region but also strengthen ASEAN's collective resolve to share best practices and work together towards a greener, more sustainable future.

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RECIPIENTS OF THE 6TH ASEAN ESC AWARD

No.	Country	City Nominations for ESC Award 2025	Key Features
1	Brunei Darussalam	Seria	BSP's Solar Photovoltaic Plant, Seria Energy Recreational Park and No Plastic Bag Everyday Initiative.
2	Cambodia	Siem Reap City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Clean City Award (2022-2025), and ASEAN Clean Tourist City Award (2022-2024), including plastic free initiatives and groundwater conservation.
3	Indonesia	Banyumas	Public Service Innovation Award, waste management, cleanliness, urban environmental quality, circular economy.
4	Lao PDR	Xay City	Ecosystem-based Adaptation, disaster risk management, local climate adaptive living facility, waste management for plastics.

5	Malaysia	Kota Tinggi	ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard, sustainable urban development, inclusive community engagement and innovative local initiatives.
6	Myanmar	Hpa-an City	Waste management, climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity conservation, plastic waste management.
7	Philippines	Samal City	Solid waste management, marine biodiversity protection, community education and responsible waste handling.
8	Singapore	Brickland-Tengah Division	Community-based environmental programmes, community-based sustainable festivals, community cycling initiative, community-business collaboration in sustainability.
9	Thailand	Pakkret City Municipality	Integrated solid waste management, clean water, and GHG emissions management, energy efficiency, wastewater management, flood prevention and response planning, air quality

			management, biodiversity and green space.
1	Viet Nam	Hoa Lu City	Gender sensitive sustainable development initiatives, sustainable tourism, environmental education and awareness in schools.

Recipients of the 5th Certificates of Recognition

Category		5 th COR 2025	
Big Cities	Clean Air	Indonesia	Malang
	Clean Water	Indonesia	Bandung
	Clean Land	Malaysia	Johor Bahru
	Urban Biodiversity and Green Spaces	Malaysia	Klang
		Viet Nam	Hai Phong
	Circular Economy	Indonesia	Padang
		Malaysia	Petaling Jaya
Small Cities	Clean Air	Cambodia	Tboung Khmum
		Malaysia	Hang Tuah Jaya
		Thailand	Hua Hin City Municipality
	Clean Water	Cambodia	Ponhea Kraek

		Cambodia	Takhmao
		Malaysia	Banting
		Philippines	Dipolog
	Clean Land	Indonesia	Ciamis Regency
	Urban Biodiversity and Green Spaces	Thailand	Thungsong Town Municipality
	Circular Economy	Cambodia	Sihanoukvile
		Malaysia	Melaka
		Philippines	Bacolod