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## **MALAYSIA GEARS UP FOR WUF13 TO ADVANCE GLOBAL URBAN AGENDA**

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**PUTRAJAYA, 15 May 2026** – Malaysia is set to strengthen its role in shaping the future of sustainable urban development at the 13th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13), which will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 17 to 22 May 2026.

The country will be represented by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Nga Kor Ming, who also currently serves as the President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UNHA), reflecting Malaysia's growing leadership in advancing the global urban agenda.

Convened by UN-Habitat, WUF13 gathers global leaders, ministers, policymakers and urban experts to discuss sustainable cities, housing resilience and inclusive urban development amid rising global challenges.

During the forum, Nga is scheduled to participate in the Ministerial Meeting on the New Urban Agenda (NUA), where Malaysia will deliver its National Statement and chair the National Statement Roundtable under its leadership role as the UN-Habitat President.

He is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Member States and Stakeholders of the Habitat Agenda, to strengthen multilateral cooperation in sustainable housing and urban development.

In addition, Nga will officially launch the Malaysia Pavilion during the WUF13 Urban Expo, showcasing the nation's urban transformation initiatives, affordable housing agenda and sustainable city aspirations.

The launch will also coincide with the introduction of the Asia Pacific Urban Agenda Platform (AP-UAP), further reinforcing Malaysia's commitment towards stronger regional collaboration on sustainable urbanisation.

KPKT views WUF13 as an important platform for Malaysia to exchange best practices, strengthen international partnerships and explore innovative urban solutions that can improve the quality of life for its people.

“Malaysia believes that inclusive national development will be shaped by making our cities and communities future fit. Through WUF13, we look forward to working closely with global partners to build cities that are inclusive, resilient and sustainable for future generations,” said Nga.

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