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## MALAYSIA ADVANCES MULTILATERAL URBAN AGENDA THROUGH HIGH-LEVEL ENGAGEMENTS AT WUF13

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**BAKU, 17 May 2026** – Malaysia, represented by the Minister of Housing and Local Government and President of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Honourable Mr. Nga Kor Ming, is leading the country’s participation at the 13th Session of the World Urban Forum in Baku, advancing high-level engagement on the global stage.

As President of the UN-Habitat Assembly, Nga’s mission started with witnessing the official flag raising ceremony.

He also chaired the Ministerial Meeting on the New Urban Agenda (NUA), underscoring Malaysia’s continued leadership in shaping global urban governance discourse and in translating international commitments into practical, people-centred outcomes.

In the discussions that brought together over 80 ministers and senior representatives from across the world, Nga reinforces the importance of multilateral cooperation in addressing the accompanying challenges of rapid urbanisation including housing affordability, urban resilience, climate change and sustainable development.

In his opening remarks, he emphasised that adequate and affordable housing remains a cornerstone of sustainable development and highlighted the need to localise global commitments through stronger collaboration between national governments, local authorities, and international partners.

Malaysia also reiterated its strong commitment to the NUA and Sustainable Development Goal 11, with a focus on delivering inclusive urban growth through affordable housing

initiatives, smart city development, low-carbon urban frameworks, and strengthened local governance systems.

"Under the 13th Malaysia Plan (2026–2030), Malaysia continues to prioritise the delivery of affordable housing through programmes such as Program Residensi Rakyat (PRR), Residensi MADANI, and PR1MA, while advancing transit-oriented development , reforms on housing management system and green housing solutions to improve the quality of life for urban communities," he added.

Separately, Nga was also invited to deliver a keynote address at the World Congress of Local and Regional Government at WUF13.

He reiterated Malaysia’s continued support for the important role of local and regional governments in advancing the implementation of the NUA, stressing that effective multilevel, good governance is essential in delivering inclusive housing, climate adaptation initiatives, energy security, and resilient communities.

He further called on global leaders to place housing at the centre of sustainable urbanisation efforts, while strengthening participatory processes that empower women, youth, and vulnerable communities in shaping resilient cities.

The 13th Session of the World Urban Forum, co-organised by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the Government of Azerbaijan under the theme “Housing the World: Safe and Resilient Cities and Communities”, brings together 30,000 participants from 182 countries to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and strengthen global cooperation in addressing urban challenges.

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