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MALAYSIA IN FINAL LAP FOR UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY PRESIDENCY BID IN NAIROBI, KENYA

Nairobi, Kenya (28 May 2025) — Malaysia is now in the final stretch of its national mission to bid for the Presidency of the UN-Habitat General Assembly for the 2025–2029 term.

The high-level delegation is led by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, YB Nga Kor Ming, in Nairobi, Kenya. They held bilateral meetings on Wednesday at the UN-Habitat Headquarters with representatives from Mexico to strengthen support and exchange insights related to its candidacy.

In a key meeting with His Excellency Enrique Javier Ochoa Martinez, Mexico's Under-Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, the delegation sought to learn from Mexico's experience as the outgoing UN-Habitat Assembly President (2019–present).

“Malaysia remains committed to continuing the momentum of excellent work and positive impacts achieved during the previous presidency. We remain steadfast to strengthening multilateral partnerships through this platform for constructive dialogues and meaningful outcomes,” said Nga.

Also part of the Malaysian delegation are Datuk Wira M Noor Azman bin Taib, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and His Excellency Ruzaimi Mohamad, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Kenya.

The UN-Habitat Assembly is the highest-level decision-making body on sustainable urbanisation and human settlements within the United Nations system. It convenes every four years to set key issues and policy priorities for UN-Habitat's work.

The presidency rotates among regional groups within the UN system. The current president is from Latin America and the Caribbean, represented by Mexico. The next president will come from the Asia-Pacific region and will serve a four-year term from 2025 to 2029.

At the same time, Malaysia is also set to have bilateral meetings with Azerbaijan, Iran and Brazil. Malaysia's engagement in Nairobi marks a strategic step forward in advancing its vision for inclusive, sustainable, and innovative urban development through leadership in the UN-Habitat platform.

"Through these bilateral meetings, we hope to elevate the country's presence on the global stage particularly in the aspect of sustainable urban development," Nga remarked.

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