



MALAYSIA EYEING COOPERATION WITH NETHERLANDS ON WASTE MANAGEMENT



On 9th October 2019, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, YB Hajah Zuraida Kamaruddin is looking forward to develop a working relationship with Netherlands on waste management during a seminar organized by the Netherlands Embassy in conjunction with the International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (IGEM 2019), which is being held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

According to YB Hajah Zuraida Kamaruddin, the government is focusing on the engagement with the community and getting down to the grassroots to ensure their involvement in waste management progress. Our basic challenges are still for the community to have a good practice by simply throw the rubbish in the rubbish can. All that has been introduced but it has not been taken up seriously by the Malaysians. She added, the ministry has been conducting a pilot study in the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) area on the “trash to cash” programme, which will introduced nationwide later.

In her speech, YB Hajah Zuraida said she was impressed with the waste management practices of countries like the Netherlands, Japan and Singapore. Our country need to have engagement programmes with the community even though we have policies and action plans but they are not moving because the people are not supporting the program. Otherwise, we have to go down to the grass root to ensure that they involved and make it as part of their culture. YB Hajah Zuraida also added we can learn from other countries by implementing the trial and error, so that we can fast-track to reach the advanced level.

