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MBSA wants more developers to adopt green-building concept

SHAH Alam City Council (MBSA) wants to rope in more developers in the city to help in its efforts to turn Shah Alam into a low-carbon city by 2030.

It has been two years since the council embarked on this journey and so far, 12 out of 29 building owners in Section 14 have pledged their commitment to adopt the green-building concept.

The Government's Low-Carbon Cities Framework (LCCF) focuses on urban environment, infrastructure, transportation and buildings that allow local councils to measure carbon emissions according to predetermined evaluations.

Shah Alam mayor Datuk Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad said it had not been easy to get developers involved in their effort but incentives would encourage more to take part.

However, he said, this would need the cooperation between Federal and state governments as well as local councils.

For now, the council is using awards and recognition through

competitions to get more developers involved.

In addition, it had conducted workshops to share information and ideas on implementing the low-carbon framework.

A recent workshop held at the Glenmarie Golf and Country Club in Shah Alam saw developers sharing their ideas and suggestions in conserving and preserving the environment while complying with

guidelines set by the council.

Among the developers were Sime Darby Bhd, I&P Group Sdn Bhd, Kwasa Land Sdn Bhd, Bandar Setia Alam Sdn Bhd, Bandar Setia Eco Park, Darul Ehsan Medical Centre as well as State Economic Development Corporation (PKNS).

Speaking to those in attendance, Ahmad Zaharin said the commitment of developers was an important component to the realisation

of sustainable environmental development towards low-carbon city development.

"I hope that more developers or building owners will follow in the footsteps of the developers sharing their ideas today," he said at the launch of the workshop.

He shared the council's efforts so far which included installing 14 electric car charging stations in selected locations in the city using

the allocation by the state government with cooperation from GreenTech Malaysia.

He also talked about the council's "Zon Bersih" competitions and work with non-governmental organisations and volunteers to organise the Shah Alam Trees For Life campaign, promote community gardens, waste separation and composting programmes.

MBSA is also collaborating with the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry (KeTTHA), Malaysian Green Technology Corporation and Malaysian Institute of Planners to make strides in realising its LCCF goals.

A new initiative this year was the council's first car-free morning, which invited residents to adopt a healthy lifestyle while reducing the usage of vehicles on the road to reduce carbon monoxide emissions.

From 6.30am to 9.30am, Persiaran Bandaraya, Persiaran Tasik, Persiaran Masjid, Persiaran Dato' Menteri and Persiaran Damai were closed to make way for those who came with bicycles, roller-skates, skateboards, hoverboards and scooters, as well as those who walked or jogged within the city.



(From left) MBSA deputy president Shukri Mohamad Hamin, Ahmad Zaharin, MBSA councillor Tan Ah Kow, MBSA secretary Rosli Bakar and planning director Aniza Osman at the launch of the Low-Carbon Framework workshop held at the Glenmarie Golf and Country Club in Shah Alam.