

BANK ISLAM - MALAYSIA'S FIRST BANK WITH CERTIFIED GREEN FINANCE ADVISORS

Providing expert guidance through sustainable finance solutions

KUALA LUMPUR, Monday, [25 November 2024]: Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (Bank Islam) is proud to be the first bank in Malaysia to certify 86 Certified Green Finance Advisors (CGFA), reinforcing its commitment to sustainability through a comprehensive training programme developed in collaboration with the Asian Banking School (ABS).

Bank Islam Group Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Mohd Muazzam Mohamed, said the CGFA programme is prioritised for staff in client-facing roles and credit analysts to enhance the delivery of impactful, sustainable green financing solutions that support long-term environmental and economic goals. The graduation ceremony was witnessed by the ABS Director of Commercial Banking Training, Dr Lim Guan Chye and Bank Islam Group Chief Human Resources Officer, Iskandar Shah Zulkarnain.

"Last Friday, 86 Bank Islam staff graduated after completing their CGFA structured training in sustainable finance, which began in 2022. These advisors, comprising client-facing staff and credit analysts, are now equipped to provide the best green financing solutions that promote sustainable development and drive positive environmental impact.

"This programme will have a significant impact by ensuring the CGFA applicability and effectiveness through key areas such as client assessment and advisory, risk management and due diligence, guidance on incentives, structuring sustainable financial products, and promoting awareness while building capacity," he said.

Mohd Muazzam emphasised that ABS's training programmes have equipped the relevant staff with the essential skills and knowledge to guide clients in achieving their financial goals through sustainable finance.

Meanwhile, ABS Director of Commercial Banking Training, Dr Lim Guan Chye said, ABS thanked Bank Islam for the exciting opportunity to collaborate with them on this first of its kind certification programme.

"This accomplishment reflects Bank Islam's commitment to a sustainable future and highlights the vital role the Bank plays in driving environmental stewardship within the financial industry. It is also a true testament of the Bank's belief in the benefits of continued learning and the upskilling of its people," he said.

Bank Islam's commitment to further upskilling its workforce in advanced sustainability topics and expanding its portfolio of green and sustainable financial products, reinforces the Bank's dedication to driving long-term positive impact. As of 30 June

2024, Bank Islam has recorded RM4.77 billion in green financing, exceeding its initial target of RM4 billion to bolster the green economy by 2025.

About Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (Registration No [198301002944(98127-X)])

Bank Islam is the first Islamic bank publicly listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia. Established in July 1983, the bank has 135 branches and over 900 self-service terminals across Malaysia. As a pure-play Islamic bank, Bank Islam provides retail banking and corporate financial solutions that strictly adhere to Shariah rules and principles. The bank is committed to sustainable prosperity and ESG values and is an official UN Global Compact Malaysia and Brunei participant. Bank Islam's core subsidiaries, BIMB Investment and BIMB Securities, offer various Islamic financial services, including investment and stockbroking. For more information on the Group's products and services, please visit www.bankislam.com.

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About Asian Banking School (Registration No. 201201039737 (1024215-T))

The ASIAN BANKING SCHOOL (ABS) is dedicated to developing talent and is the largest specialised provider of quality banking training programmes in the ASEAN region. As the industry's preferred partner in learning and development, ABS offers customised and open enrolment training programmes that cover a comprehensive list of banking areas developed by its Specialist Training Consultancy Team or in collaboration with strategic learning partners that includes some of the top business schools in the world. ABS began operations in 2015 and has continued to set the standard for developing talent in the banking industry through its innovative, unique, and relevant training programmes that have transformed the banking education landscape having trained nearly 200,000 bankers since its inception. In 2023, ABS established its Singapore office as part of its expansion plans to provide personalised training consultancy services within the region. For more information on ABS and its training programmes and consultancy services, please visit www.asianbankingschool.com.

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