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MUFG N0W Spotlights Japan-Malaysia Partnership as Critical to Asia's Energy Security and Transition

Malaysia, 17 September 2026 – Close to 200 business leaders, policymakers and industry experts convened at MUFG Net Zero World (MUFG N0W) Malaysia 2026 at Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday (Sept 15) to explore how closer Japan-Malaysia collaboration can strengthen regional energy security, accelerate the deployment of transition technologies and mobilise financing for commercially viable projects.

MUFG N0W is MUFG's flagship regional networking and thought leadership platform bringing together public and private-sector leaders to advance practical responses to the challenges and opportunities shaping Asia's sustainable development.

Held under the theme **"Powering Asia's Future: Enhancing Japan-Malaysia Partnership for Energy Security and Transition"**, the event examined three connected priorities: strengthening the Japan-Malaysia energy and industrial corridor; building Malaysia's future energy ecosystem; and making energy security bankable through transition finance.

The event programme covered emerging opportunities in areas including carbon capture and storage, hydrogen, renewable energy, sustainable aviation fuel, power infrastructure and transition finance, with a focus on moving from dialogue to investable projects.

His Excellency Noriyuki Shikata, Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia, highlighted the strength of the Japan-Malaysia partnership in his keynote speech: "Japan's advanced technology and capital are actively flowing into Malaysia through proactive investments in AI, semiconductors, supply chain resilience, and green transformation, as well as in almost all of the 17 strategic sectors identified by the country as crucial for its growth. This is clear evidence of the qualitative and quantitative expansion of our economic ties and presents a bright outlook for the future."

Puan Zuaida Abdullah, Deputy CEO, Investment Development, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), said in her policy address: "The global energy transition is reshaping economic competitiveness and investment priorities. Building on decades of partnership, Malaysia and Japan can leverage technology and green industries to strengthen our industrial capabilities, directly supporting the New Industrial Master Plan 2030, National Energy Transition Roadmap, and Green Investment Strategy.

“MIDA is committed to turning these opportunities into high-quality investments that drive lasting value for Malaysia," she added.

Motohide Okuda, MUFG Malaysia’s Chief Executive Officer and Country Head said: “The opportunities ahead are significant, but real progress will depend on our ability to move from discussion to implementation. At MUFG, we are committed to connecting stakeholders, mobilising capital and supporting strategic partnerships that can transform promising ideas into investable projects. By working together, we can strengthen energy security, advance the transition journey and support sustainable economic growth across the region.”

Attendees at MUFG N0W Malaysia included speakers from leading energy players as well as experts from the Institute of Energy Economics Japan, Asian Development Bank and Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

MUFG’s presence in Malaysia dates to 1957, and the bank will mark its 70th year of service in the market in 2027. Over this period, MUFG has supported Japanese companies investing and expanding in Malaysia, while connecting Malaysian clients with opportunities across Japan, ASEAN and its wider global network. Its capabilities span conventional and Islamic banking, including establishing an Islamic banking arm in 2008 - the first Japanese bank to do so in Malaysia - and contributing to the world’s first Yen-denominated Sukuk.

In addition to engaging corporate clients through MUFG N0W, the bank has also actively collaborated with them on transactions ranging from green financing and sustainability-linked loans to green trade. MUFG Malaysia was awarded Best Sustainable Bank (International) by FinanceAsia in 2024 and “Best Sustainable Finance Deal (Malaysia)” in 2025 for its collaboration with AEON Credit Service (M) Berhad, recognising Malaysia’s largest social loan by a non-bank financial institution to date.

(Please refer to the photo and captions below)

From left to right: Puan Harmizan Mansor, General Manager of Group Corporate Finance, Petronas; Puan Zuaida Abdullah, Deputy CEO, Investment Development, MIDA; His Excellency Noriyuki Shikata, Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia; Mr. Yukinobu Saeki, MUFG's Chief Executive for APAC; YBhg. Dato' Noorazman bin Abd Aziz, Chairman of MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad; Mr. Motohide Okuda, CEO and Country Head for MUFG Malaysia

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In 2008, MUFG established an Islamic banking arm, the first Japanese bank to do so in Malaysia, and has contributed to industry milestones such as the launch of the world's first Yen-denominated Sukuk. Through its twin hub located out of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), and in tandem with consolidated group subsidiary PT Bank Danamon Indonesia's Islamic banking entity, MUFG currently provides a comprehensive suite of Shariah-compliant banking products and advisory services in Asia Pacific and globally.

MUFG is also a firm supporter of Malaysia's renewable energy hub aspirations and pivot towards critical industry sectors, having hosted public engagement sessions such as the flagship MUFG N0W (Net Zero World) regional thought leadership event and a MUFG semiconductor conference in Sarawak and Penang respectively. MUFG Malaysia was awarded Best Sustainable Bank (International) by FinanceAsia in 2024.

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