

# FT Ministry proposes green urban compact with Shanghai

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Federal Territories (FT) Ministry has proposed the establishment of a Kuala Lumpur-Shanghai green urban compact to strengthen climate action and foster deeper cooperation between the two cities.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa said the initiative aims to formalise joint efforts in key areas such as climate policy, funding and technology sharing.

"We need each other, as climate change knows no borders. That is why partnerships like KL-Shanghai must be nurtured, structured and sustained," she said in a speech delivered on her

behalf by FT Department director-general Datuk Seri Noridah Abdul Rahim at the KL-Shanghai Climate Action Forum 2025 yesterday.

Zaliha stressed that climate change is no longer a distant issue confined to scientific discourse but a lived reality, evident through intensifying floods, record heatwaves, food insecurity and worsening air pollution.

"Urban areas account for more than 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

"The choices made in cities today will determine whether the world surpasses the 1.5°C threshold tomorrow," she said.

Zaliha also highlighted the introduction of the Chase City vision – an FT Ministry initiative aimed at transforming the federal territories in line with climate goals, focusing on cleanliness, health, advancement, safety and eco-friendliness.

"Under the Chase City vision, KL is steadily advancing as a model for climate-responsive and innovation-led urban governance," she added.

As of this year, the Kuala Lumpur Climate Action Plan 2050 (KLCAP2050) is no longer just a strategic document but is being operationalised through structured implementation, coordinated agency involvement and performance-based urban management.

Developed by Kuala Lumpur City Hall, the KLCAP2050 outlines a roadmap to transform the capital into a carbon-neutral, resilient and inclusive city by 2050.

Zaliha also noted that technology – particularly artificial intelligence (AI) – is a key enabler of this transformation.

"We are actively investing in AI to make our cities more predictive, efficient and citizen-centred.

"From flood forecasting systems in high-rise zones to real-time energy consumption monitoring, AI is no longer experimental but an essential asset for enhancing city operations," she said. – Bernama