

Environmentally Sound Technologies in Malaysia

Environmental & industrial policies and financing

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Malaysia believes that environmentally sound technologies (ESTs) will play an important role in the maintenance of the environmental quality for the economic growth of the country. This article discusses how Malaysia has adopted various financial schemes and strategies to implement ESTs in line with its environmental and industrial policies. It points out that the Malaysian Government welcomes foreign supported cooperation programmes in ESTs. It explains why Malaysia encourages cooperation through institutional, professional, public and private sector partnerships specially in key sectors.



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Introduction

In the promotion of environmentally-sound technologies and sustainable development of the country, the Government of Malaysia has established the necessary legal and institutional arrangements for environmental protection. Some aspects of pollution control to be considered are:

- To find possible modifications in the process line that can minimize waste generation;
- To see pollution prevention as part of the production; and
- To consider recycling options as far as possible.

Environmental policy

The national environmental policy in Malaysia places great emphasis on the following objectives:

- To maintain a clean and healthy environment;
- To maintain the quality of the environment relative to the needs of the growing population;
- To minimize the impact of the growing population and human activities relating to mineral exploration, deforestation, agriculture, urbanization, tourism and the development of other resources of the environment;
- To balance the goals for socio-economic development and the need to bring the benefits of development to a wide spectrum of the population against the maintenance of sound environmental conditions;
- To place more emphasis on prevention through conservation rather than on curative measures; and