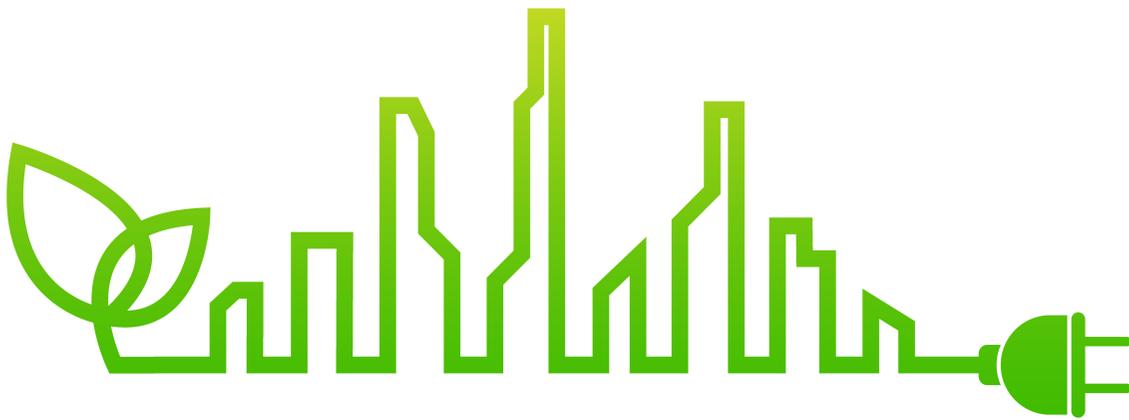




Stories on SUSTAINABILITY

Greetings from our third series of Stories on Sustainability (SOS) Newsletter! Every quarterly, we will be bringing you stories, news and events on the topic of Sustainability from Malaysia as well as the ASEAN region.



This month's story

From the Editor

The situation we are now in is indeed one of the most challenging episodes in the history of humanity. The global outbreak of COVID-19 will have far and reaching impacts on our social, political and economical paradigms; from the way we live and behave, to our needs and wants in the decades ahead.

While the mass outbreaks of infectious diseases is really nothing new in the course of human history, our more connected world today has amplified and accelerated the effects of COVID-19. When it hit China in early 2020, the global supply chain is disrupted; now as approximately a third of the global population is in various stages of movement lockdown, the entire global economy has come to an almost standstill.

However, we also observed that this outbreak has also help to accelerate the future of things to come; these include working from home, the adoption of digital economy in trade, services and logistics, new business models as well as advanced technologies such as 3D printing, robotics and medical healthcare. New ideas and concepts that most of us as individuals and businesses hesitated to adopt and practice in the past has now been proven to serve us well in this trying time.

There are also news from all over the world on how lesser human activities has brought about cleaner air and water in our cities. Perhaps it is worth to start studying both the negative economic impacts and positive environmental impacts of this global lockdown to try to seek a new balance between nature and human.



What's New

Joint development of COVID-19 rapid test kits by Biogenes Technologies S.B.

One of our technology incubatees, Biogenes Technologies S.B. has entered into a joint collaboration with San Francisco-based start-up Pinpoint Science Ltd. to design and develop a DNA-based aptamer against the novel coronavirus that will be used for rapid mass screening kits for coronavirus infection.

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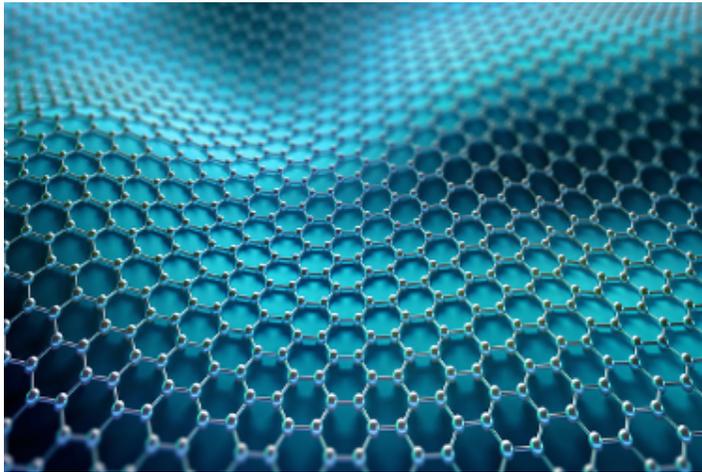
MESTECC R&D Grant

Rapid Genesis is happy to announce several successes in assisting innovative Malaysian SMEs in securing R&D Fund grant scheme offered by MOSTI (formerly MESTECC) for their product development projects. This include its own incubatee company, Biogenes Technologies as well as two other companies in their



respective business of animal feed production and natural-based pesticides and growth enhancers in organic farming. The applied grant amounts for these projects ranges from RM500,000 to RM2,000,000.

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NEW in Rapid Genesis Graphene Technology For Rubber and Polymer Products Industry

UPM technology startup, GO Advanced Solutions S.B. recently appointed Rapid Genesis to provide techno-commercial advisory and consultancy services for the commercialisation of the former's graphene-based formulations and expertise to the rubber and polymer manufacturing industry. The industry sub-segments of interest include rubber and nitrile gloves, lubricants, biodegradable plastics, tires and other polymer-based products.

NEW in Rapid Genesis

GoApe goes live on ATA PLUS

After 6 months of hard work, our team at Rapid Genesis finally has succeeded in bringing new delivery startup, GoApe live onto ATA PLUS equity crowd funding platform. GoApe is an app-driven new farm-to-table delivery platform that provides sustainable solutions to the F&B eco-system, using zero-emissions electric bikes to provide delivery services for F&B outlets. The app runs on an AI-driven platform that will be a game changer to the on-demand delivery industry by eliminating the middlemen from the F&B supply chain process.



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