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## Sustainable, Smart and Beyond

The cover visually encapsulates PLUS Malaysia Berhad's commitment to shaping the future of expressways through sustainability, innovation and customer-centric solutions.

The left highlights the core elements of the current infrastructure—including a Rest and Service Area (RSA), Variable Message Signboards (VMS) and Toll Plazas. These elements represent the backbone of our operations, delivering safe, reliable and accessible services to over a million highway customers.

The right, illustrates our seamless transition into the future, depicted through advancements such as Electric Vehicle (EV) charging hubs, solar-powered street lighting, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) monitoring and seamless ecosystem where vehicles are connected to the highway, bringing technology and highway customers together for an elevated customer experience.

Unifying both halves is a continuous expanse of green landscape—a powerful symbol of efforts to maintain an ecological footprint.

Together, the composition reflects PLUS' evolution from a traditional expressway operator to a future-ready mobility solutions provider, committed to driving sustainable growth across the nation's transport ecosystem.

An aerial view of our Ayer Keroh Overhead Bridge Restaurant (OBR), North-South Expressway (NSE).



In this Report, we disclose our approach to sustainability, refreshed material matters and continuous commitment towards advancing the sustainability agenda in alignment with various recognised standards. This places us in a better position to understand stakeholders' requirements and steer the organisation towards a sustainable future for all.

#### **SCOPE AND BOUNDARIES**

The information disclosed in this Report covers the operations and activities of PLUS Malaysia Berhad including Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Bhd, Teras Teknologi Sdn Bhd and Lebuhraya Pantai Timur 2 Sdn Bhd operations from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024 unless otherwise stated.

To validate the robustness of data, statistics and information in this Report, we have implemented appropriate internal review and verification processes.

#### **REPORTING STANDARDS**

We have adopted corporate reporting best practices in developing this Report, with disclosures guided by Bursa Malaysia Berhad's Sustainability Reporting Guide (3rd Edition). This Report has also been prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Universal Standards and Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations.

#### **FEEDBACK**

Throughout this report, we have placed multiple QR codes embedded with external links that provide more detailed information on our sustainability efforts as well as to various PLUS social media platforms.

Kindly scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to be directed to the Sustainability page on the PLUS corporate website.



Kindly scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to view our Speak Up Guideline and channels.



We seek to continuously improve our disclosure standards and drive more meaningful integration of sustainability practices within our organisation. As such, we welcome all feedback and suggestions for improvement. Inquiries and comments may be shared to us via e-mail at sustainability@plus.com.my

Kindly scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to view the communication channels available as listed on our website.





Dato' Mohamad Nasir Ab. Latif

Chairman of PLUS Malaysia Berhad

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## DEAR STAKEHOLDERS,

Our third voluntary Sustainability Report, affirms our commitment to shaping the future of Malaysia's highway industry.

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#### **Embracing Our Mission, Steering Forward**

Our mission to connect communities to shape a safe and sustainable future remains our key guiding principle. It continues to anchor our efforts as we build not just highways, but long-term socioeconomic value for the nation's resilience and progress.

In recent years, our work centred on strengthening our core as well as rebuilding confidence and recovery from global disruptions. Today, we move forward with greater purpose: "Sustainable, Smart and Beyond", our vision that encompasses not just the physical evolution of infrastructure, but also to embed sustainability, inclusivity and technology as core aspects of our highway operations. This vision leverages innovation to serve evolving societal needs, supports Malaysia's national development priorities and uplifts communities across the country.



#### **Commitment to Nation Building**

Our aspirations are fully aligned with the values and priorities of Malaysia MADANI, a national vision that emphasises sustainability, inclusivity, innovation and compassion. Our initiatives to enhance connectivity, promote low-carbon mobility and strengthen community resilience are part of this broader national aspiration for a progressive, fair and prosperous Malaysia,

To support such ambitions, we have adopted international frameworks that provide structure and rigour to our sustainability journey. Our efforts are guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) and grounded in the principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC). Both frameworks shape how we plan, act and report on our environmental, social and governance (ESG) responsibilities, ensuring that our progress is credible, measurable and creates a positive impact.

As Malaysia's largest highway operator, PLUS is committed to leading by example. We have taken active steps to pioneer green technologies, build industry-wide capacity and form partnerships that drive systemic and social transformation.

Sustainability is not a box-ticking exercise. It is a responsibility to our stakeholders and the communities we serve. Through this voluntary Report, we share our progress and provide insights into our impact footprint. In an era where trust and transparency are more important than ever, we view this Report as a platform for continuous engagement and shared responsibility.



## **Championing Sustainability**

In line with this vision, we continue to progress our contribution to Malaysia's long-term sustainable development. Under the PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0, we have already achieved a 29.3% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to our 2017 baseline. We remain focused on reaching a 35% reduction by 2030 and progressing towards Net Zero by 2050.

On safety, we have maintained Goal Zero Preventable Fatalities for six (6) consecutive years and recorded zero (0) Lost Time Injuries (LTIs) for two (2) years running. These results reflect consistent implementation of technology, anchored by a strong health and safety culture.

Our use of technology is focused on results. We apply digital tools that enhance safety, improve efficiency, to deliver a better customer experience. Artificial intelligence is applied to detect incidents faster and optimise response times, while our Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) provide visual oversight for preventive maintenance. Data analytics help us to gain insights by supporting informed decision-making and optimised maintenance and operational activities.

We are proactive in ensuring our highway network is resilient against the impact of climate change. Our flood strategy, tested during real emergencies, has protected highway infrastructure and preserved access for surrounding communities, helping to maintain national mobility during such occurrence.



Our responsibility also extends to inclusive growth. Programmes such as the Vendor Empowerment Programme, Business Partner Incentives Programme and MyPLUS Community Day continue to support local businesses, empower entrepreneurs and help ensure that the benefits of our highways reach beyond logistics and transportation into livelihoods, opportunity and shared progress.

#### Our Vision for the Highway of the Future

Our ultimate commitment is to build the highway of the future that is sustainable by design, powered by clean energy, enriched by real-time data and built with circular economy principles. One that is not limited to physical structures, but centred on people, communities and the living environments that surround them. It is about supporting those who depend on our network and moving together, in alignment and with purpose, towards a more connected and cohesive Malaysia.

As we look ahead, we remain confident that with collaboration, innovation and shared purpose, we can continue to innovate our highways, which not only serve a transportation backbone and connect communities, but also sustainably drive transformation to uplift the present and future generation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank all our stakeholders for your trust and continued support. Let us drive Towards the Highway of the Future, together.

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Dato' Mohamad Nasir Ab. Latif

Chairman

PLUS Malaysia Berhad



**Datuk Nik Airina Nik Jaffar** 

Managing Director of PLUS Malaysia Berhad

## **DEAR STAKEHOLDERS,**

Together, we are shaping a future that is connected, inclusive and sustainable for generations to come.

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It is with immense pride that I present to you the PLUS Malaysia Berhad Sustainability Report 2024. PLUS is an organisation that continues to make meaningful and lasting contributions towards the creation of a safer, more sustainable and future-ready highway network in Malaysia.

Our operations span approximately 1,121 kilometres across Peninsular Malaysia, placing us in a unique position to not only facilitate the nation's economic growth but also play a pivotal role in advancing the nation's sustainable development agenda.

Our passionate and dedicated MyPLUS team is unwavering in their commitment to operational excellence while delivering long-term value for the nation. In line with our mission to connect communities to shape a safe and sustainable future, we recognise that sustainability is both a collective responsibility and opportunity for progress. This responsibility extends beyond our infrastructure to the millions who rely on our highways every day.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to driving the nation's sustainable development in alignment with national policies and aspirations, while adhering to global best practices. This report outlines how we have aligned our efforts with national frameworks such as the Malaysia MADANI agenda, the Green Technology Master Plan (GTMP) and the strategic plans of the Ministry of Works (MoW) and the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA).

In this report, we illustrate our approach to sustainability, guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and international standards, ensuring integrity and comprehensiveness in our sustainable practices and reporting.

Our disclosure extends beyond traditional environmental, social and governance dimensions, as it also highlights our aspirations, initiatives and accomplishments across multiple domains of operations, safety, technology and the impact on highway customers and communities. With this, I would like to share some of our key achievements and our vision moving forward.



#### **Advancing Towards Net Zero**

In our commitment to environmental stewardship, we have set an ambitious path towards Net Zero emissions by 2050. Thus far, we are making significant headway for Scope 1 and 2 emissions, leveraging on green technology, energy efficiency, renewable energy and circular economy principles.

Our initiatives encompass the retrofitting of over 37,000 energy-efficient LED lights along our highways and the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems across 12 strategic locations with more to come. Moving forward, we are embarking on steps to assess Scope 3 emissions to reduce the broader environmental impact of our services, together with our vendors, suppliers and Business Partners.

We take great pride in our efforts to preserve the natural environment, maintaining over 217,000 trees, 191,000m<sup>2</sup> of shrubs and wildlife crossings along our highways.

#### **Energising Low Carbon Mobility Infrastructure**

In support of the nation's transition to cleaner and more sustainable mobility, we strategically drive the development of Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure through leadership, innovation and collaboration. We play a key role in the National Level Inter-Ministry Electric Vehicle Task Force, formed by the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), which serves as a platform to discuss the shift towards cleaner, more sustainable transport options.

As part of our continued leadership in the development of Malaysia's EV infrastructure, we are proud to have energised 100 Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) points ahead of schedule, with plans to expand to over 350 charging points by 2028. In collaboration with our strategic partner, we are pioneering the development of the nation's first EV hub hyperstation, complete with commercial facilities for an enhanced highway experience.

## Strengthening Climate Resilience

In line with our commitment to climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure, we are taking proactive steps to understand and address the risks posed by climate change. With this, I am proud to highlight that we are the nation's first infrastructure organisation to complete a comprehensive climate risk assessment as recognised by the United Nations Global Compact. This strategic assessment equips us with critical insights to understand and mitigate the emerging impact of climate change on our operations, assets, facilities, people as well as the communities who rely on our highways.

This assessment has significantly strengthened our climate impact adaptation measures, where we have established preventive, detective and corrective measures to ensure swift emergency response and management. Our efforts have been recognised locally and globally as we are well-positioned by the government and industry to share our adaptation initiatives and efforts. As a testament to our undertakings, we were invited to present at the UN COP28 climate change summit.



Over **37,000** LED lights retrofitted, achieving energy savings of over **113** million kWh and avoiding **86,443** tCO<sub>2</sub>e in emissions — equivalent of powering more than **11,500** homes for a year





Energised **100** EV DCFC charging points along our highways ahead of schedule and expand to **350** charging points by 2028





The nation's **first** infrastructure organisation to conduct a comprehensive **climate risk assessment** 





#### Safety as a Priority

It is our foremost priority to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all who travel on our highways. By expanding our safety approach from the traditional 3E (Engineering, Education, Enforcement) to a comprehensive 5E model, injecting Emergency Response and Evaluation, we are addressing road safety challenges holistically. Ultimately, we are supporting the Malaysia Road Safety Plan 2022-2030 aspirations to achieve a 50% reduction in road accident fatalities by 2030.

As part of our initiatives to enhance highway safety, we are piloting the modernisation of our safety vehicles, collaborating with enforcement agencies and driving community-based advocacy.

For our most vulnerable community, the motorcyclists, we have provided 233 shelters and are innovating a motorcycle collision alert system in partnership with MIROS, to enhance their safety.



Provided **233** motorcycle shelters across our highway



#### **Upgrading Capacity for Comfort**

To continue to provide smoother, safer journeys while meeting growing traffic demand, we are strategically expanding and upgrading highway capacity across key regions.

Under our Lane Expansion Master Plan, in the south, we have secured approvals and funding support from the Government for the Johor Lane widening. The stretch from Senai to Simpang Renggam is currently underway while the stretch up to Machap is being finalised. Up north in Penang, we have received principal approval to proceed with the Juru–Sungai Dua widening.

Meanwhile, as an immediate measure to increase capacity during festive seasons and peak traffic periods, we have activated 28 Smartlanes as well as heavy vehicle restrictions on ELITE and NKVE, while long-term solutions are being assessed.

These collective efforts reflect our continuous commitment to proactively address capacity needs and enhance the overall travel experience for all highway customers.



Activated **28** Smartlanes, reducing travel time by up **20**% during peak hour travel



#### **Transforming Rest and Service Areas (RSAs)**

As part of our commitment to elevate service standards and embed sustainability across our highway network, we continue to enhance our Rest and Service Areas (RSAs) to meet the evolving needs of the *rakyat*. This includes a nationwide refurbishment programme and the launch of the MyPLUS RSA initiative, which empowers our senior leadership to *turun padang* and take ownership to ensure consistently high-quality facilities. These efforts have contributed to an improvement of 8% in our Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) since 2022.

We are also proud to pioneer Malaysia's first sustainable RSA at Seremban southbound—featuring solar panels, rainwater harvesting, EV charging stations, food waste composting, biodegradable packaging and a sustainability learning exhibition. Inaugurated by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, this facility reflects our commitment to sustainability and sets the benchmark for future RSAs nationwide.



Transformed the Seremban RSA Southbound into the nation's **first** sustainable RSA



#### **Uplifting Fence Line Communities**

Our large network and footprint in Peninsula Malaysia provides us an opportunity to deliver positive socioeconomic impact for communities. Especially those who live within a 30km radius of our highway, whom we call our fence line communities. In 2023 and 2024, we contributed over RM32 million in social programmes and financial aid (including zakat) benefiting 81,958 individuals.

Our commitment goes beyond financial assistance. Through initiatives such as the MyPLUS Community Day, we bring purpose-driven engagement to the ground. In 2023 and 2024, in collaboration with institutions of higher learning and local communities, we mobilised Warga MyPLUS to dedicate a full day to volunteerism and civic service. In total, 2,550 volunteers positively impacted 42,179 lives across 51 locations thus demonstrating our enduring commitment to be present and supportive of the communities we serve.

#### **Supporting Bumiputera Empowerment**

To drive inclusive growth and uplift the Bumiputera community, we prioritise talent development, business capacity building and socioeconomic progress. Currently, 98.2% of our workforce and 89.0% of our business partners are Bumiputera, reflecting our commitment to empowerment and representation.

Through our Protégé Programmes, 236 young Bumiputera talents have gained industry-relevant skills. Moving forward in 2025, our Vendor Empowerment Programme (VEP) in collaboration with CIDB aims to uplift and provide capacity building for G1 to G3 contractors via training and mentorship. Over the past two (2) years, 90% of our contracts have been awarded to Bumiputera vendors, reinforcing our dedication to equity and long-term economic participation.

We are also embarking on incubating an SME Hub to further elevate local SMEs and expand their reach.

#### Our People, at the Heart of Everything We Do

To drive a sustainable future, fostering a cohesive culture is essential, which is why we developed the MyPLUS Culture transformation programme, which provides platforms for building teamwork, upskilling and career development through various training and mobility opportunities. As part of this program, we have mobilised 147 employees, including 18 of our leaders, broadening their skills and elevating their leadership potential.

Our workforce is well gender-balanced, with 52.5% men and 47.5% women and women represent 38.7% of senior leadership and 55.6% of our Board.

Our unwavering commitment to create an agile and inclusive workplace has contributed to an Employee Engagement Score of 84%, well above the national average.



Our **2,550** community day volunteers uplifted the lives of **42,179** community members at **51** locations



Upskilled **520** Business partners providing them with digital marketing, Halal certification and food safety compliance training



Delivered more than 383 learning and development programmes over 636 sessions to Warga MyPLUS, accounting for 162,849 training hours









## **Infusing Technology for Operational Excellence**

To enhance traffic management efficiency and improve infrastructure maintenance, we have integrated AI-powered analytics into our Traffic Management System. This system combines Variable Message Signs (VMS), Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV), Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and Automatic Vehicle Detection Systems (AVDS), forming the backbone of our Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

The integration of AI-driven video analytics with automated vehicle classification has greatly improved toll transaction efficiency, replacing manual processes and enabling our toll crew to focus on enhancing customer experience.

Additionally, our Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) facilitate rapid and unified asset inspection, while the Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) system deters overloading of heavy vehicles and the Deighton Total Infrastructure Management System (dTIMS) help optimise maintenance and preserve pavement durability.

Installed **2,985** CCTV cameras across our facilities and offices, protecting the safety of Warga MyPLUS and our highway customers



# **Enhancing Customer Experience and Safety Through Innovation**

To ease traffic flow and optimise travel time, we introduced MyPLUS-TTA, an AI-powered travel time advisory tool that recommends optimal departure times during peak periods. Ministry of Works (MoW) MyJalan app is integrated with the PLUS Mobile App supporting alignment with the broader public road ecosystem. At the same time, PUTRI, our always-on Virtual Assistant, operates 24/7 to answer customer queries, provide real-time traffic alerts and assist in SOS situations.

Both MyPLUS-TTA and PUTRI are embedded within our PLUS Mobile App, designed to enhance every journey, whether a daily commute or a long road trip, ensuring a smooth, intuitive and rewarding experience. Supporting national digitalisation efforts and improving customer convenience, we have also implemented cashless payment options across all Rest and Service Areas (RSAs).

**16,412** highway customers signed up for MyPLUS-TTA since introduction



Our security infrastructure has been bolstered with the deployment of 2,985 CCTV cameras across PLUS facilities, supported by our state-of-the-art Traffic Monitoring Center (TMC), enhancing surveillance and emergency response capabilities. We have intervened in 44 potential suicide incidents on Penang Bridge, assisted with the introduction of the Suicide Attempt Alert System (SAS), serving as a powerful reminder that our work extends beyond operations — it touches lives in meaningful, often unseen, ways.

#### **Upholding Governance and Transparency**

Good governance is the foundation of a sustainable organisation. Our commitment to accountability and ethical conduct remains unwavering. One (1) example is the rebranding of our whistleblowing platform into the "Speak Up" channel, administered by an independent third party to ensure confidentiality and impartiality. This enhancement has significantly increased trust in the reporting process, enabling us to strengthen governance and transparency.



**Prevented 44 suicide attempts** assisted by our Suicide Attempt Alert System (SAS) at the Penang Bridge



#### **Envisioning a Sustainable, Smart Highway and Beyond**

These achievements did not happen by chance. They were driven by years of investment, coordination and bringing people and technology together, creating synergy. But our journey is far from complete. With dynamic changes in technology, changing customer preferences and climate change, we are looking ahead guided by a vision that is holistic, integrating sustainability, innovation and inclusivity, encompassing five (5) key underlying features:



#### Smart, Data-Enabled Operations & Maintenance

Efficient operations and optimised maintenance powered by AI, predictive analytics and machine learning



#### Seamless Travel Experience

Technology driven integrated customer experience enabling a smooth and safe commute



#### **Green & Circular Infrastructure**

Environmentally conscious design harnessing renewable energy and sustainable materials towards decarbonisation



#### Community-Centered

Sustainable and inclusive community spaces that supports socioeconomic upliftment



#### **Collective Action**

Stakeholders collaborating towards a shared vision



## **Charting the Path Forward**

We recognise the challenges that lie ahead and remain committed to advancing sustainably, operating efficiently and maintaining financial responsibility. As we lay the groundwork for the future, we are innovating a Smart Highway, strengthening our technology arm TERAS, replicating our pioneering sustainable Seremban RSA concept across our network and delivering meaningful impact to our fence line communities while continuing to raise the bar in industry leadership.

With a clear vision and strong governance, we are charting the path to be future-ready in a sustainable manner. Our focus is to ensure our efforts deliver measurable outcomes and contribute positively to national sustainability goals. As we move forward, we continue to strengthen organisational leadership, galvanise team cohesiveness and transform through synergy and harmonisation. Ultimately, driving

innovation, operational efficiency and better performance across all levels.

I invite you to explore this report to better understand our aspirations, targets, initiatives and achievements in supporting Malaysia's sustainable development. On behalf of the leadership and all Warga MyPLUS, I extend my deepest appreciation to all our stakeholders for your continued trust, collaboration and support.

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Datuk Nik Airina Nik Jaffar

Managing Director
PLUS Malaysia Berhad



## **Environmental**



## **Energy Efficient Fittings**

Retrofitted over **37,000** LED lights saving over **113** million kWh/86,443 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq (equivalent to approximately **11,500** household's annual energy needs).



## **Nature Preservation**

Maintained **217,738** trees and **191,197.3** m<sup>2</sup> of shrubs along our mainline, greening our highway.



## **Renewable Energy**

Installed 12 solar panels systems across our facilities, saving over 10 million kWh/8,048 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq (equivalent to 372 thousand trees saved).



## **Circular Economy**

Collected **2,767** kg of fabric and segregated over **586,516** kg of waste into six (6) categories, avoiding **36,361** days of average Malaysian GHG emissions.



## **GHG** reduction

Reduced energy consumption by **29.7%** and recorded a reduction in our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by **29.3%** in 2024 from a 2017 baseline.



## **Climate Change Adaptation**

The nation's **first** infrastructure organisation to complete a comprehensive **climate risk assessment**.



## **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

Energised **100 EV DCFC** charging points along our highways ahead of schedule and expand to **350** charging points by 2028.



## **Water Efficiency**

Upgraded **60** RSA, lay-by and toll plaza toilet facilities with water efficient appliances and fittings.



## **Rainwater Harvesting**

Installed **29** rainwater harvesting systems at our offices and selected RSA, lay-bys and toll plaza.



## **Wastewater Treatment**

Maintained 231 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), treating  $5,744,972.25 \text{ m}^3$  of wastewater annually.

## **Social - Operations & Technology**



## **Safety Monitoring**

Installed 2,985 CCTV cameras across our facilities and offices, protecting the safety of Warga MyPLUS and our highway customers.



## **Journey Plannning Analytics**

Achieved **16,412** sign ups for our MyPLUS-TTA, an Al-powered travel time advisory recommending highway customers the best departure time during peak traffic period.



## **Cashless Payment**

Provided cashless payment options at 84.8% of our RSAs, OBRs and lay-by stalls, resulting in the increase of cashless transactions by 13X since 2022.



## **Integrated Traffic Monitoring**

Traffic Monitoring Centre (TMC) provides 24/7 monitoring, receiving over 1,000 calls a day.



## **Al Virtual Assistant**

Developed an Al-powered PUTRI Virtual Assistant available 24/7 which is able to provide accurate responses on more than ten (10) topics.



## **Suicide Attempt Alert System (SAS)**

Prevented 44 suicide attempts assisted by our SAS at the Penang Bridge.



## **Asset Preservation**

Conducted 27,185 slope inspections and 6,082 drainage or culvert inspections.



## **Smartlanes**

Activated 28 Smartlanes, reducing travel time by up 20% during peak hour travel.



## **Unmanned Inspection**

Reduced inspection time by 80% through the deployment of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), replacing conventional methods.



## **Highway Communication**

Installed 90 Variable Message Signs (VMS) and 622 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras.



## **Social - Community**



## **Motorcycle Shelters**

Provided 233 motorcycle shelters along our highways at key locations.



## **Social Development Contributions**

Contributed over **RM32 million** to social programmes and financial aid (including Zakat), benefiting **81,958** recipients from our fence line community.



## **Community Based Safety**

Conducted 41 community-based road safety programmes benefiting 7,854 participants across the nation.



## **Community Socioeconomic Opportunities**

Over 400 of our RSA Business Partners are from our local fence line community.



## **Business Partner Upskilling**

Upskilled 520 Business Partners providing them with digital marketing, Halal certification and food safety compliance training.



## **Sustainable Rest and Service Areas (RSA)**

Rejuvenated our Seremban RSA Southbound into becoming the nation's **first** sustainable RSA.



## **Bumiputera Empowerment**

Supported Bumiputera community development, where by 98.2% of Warga MyPLUS and 89.0% of RSA stall operators are from the Bumiputera community.



## **Facility Upkeep**

Received **five** (5) star recognitions by local councils for outstanding toilet cleanliness in 120 locations across our highway.



## **MyPLUS Community Day**

Our 2,550 community day volunteers uplifted the lives of 42,179 community members at 51 locations.



## **Customer Satisfaction**

Achieved 87% Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) in 2024.

## Social - Workplace



## **Workplace Safety**

Achieved **goal zero** preventable fatalities for six (6) consecutive years.



## **Young Talent Development**

Nurtured 236 Bumiputera and young graduates to become market-ready talents through our Protégé Programmes.



## **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Maintained a gender balance consisting of 52.5% men and 47.5% women in our workforce, with women occupying 38.7% of senior leadership roles.



## **Learning and Development**

Delivered more than 383 learning and development programmes over 636 sessions to Warga MyPLUS, accounting for 162,849 training hours.



## **Employee Engagement**

Achieved an overall **Employee Engagement Score (EES)** of **84%**, **17** points higher than the Malaysia norm.

## Governance



## **Procurement Governance**

Established a Board and Management led Tender Committee ensuring **robustness** of our procurement process.



## **Vendor Development**

Awarded **RM47 million** worth of contracts to our Vendor Development Programme (VDP) participants.



## **Integrity Culture**

**4,982** former and current Warga MyPLUS has taken the integrity pledge since 2019.



## **Speak Up**

**Increased confidence** in whistleblowing through a confidential, impartial process led by an independent third-party administrator.



## **Supporting Local**

**99%** of our procurement spend is awarded to local vendors through robust procurement governance.



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Warga MyPLUS celebrating National Day 2023 at our Persada PLUS headquarters.

#### A Leading Expressway Operator Continuously Reshaping the National Landscape



#### On 29 November 2010

PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PMB) was established to acquire assets and liabilities of PLUS Expressway International Berhad, a former listed entity. As part of this exercise, PMB became the holding company of the following entities:

Projek Lebuhraya	Expressway	Linkedua	Konsortium Lebuh Raya	TERAS
<b>Utara-Selatan</b>	Lingkaran Tengah	(Malaysia)	<b>Butterworth-Kulim</b>	Teknologi
Berhad	Sdn. Bhd.	Berhad	Sdn. Bhd.	Sdn. Bhd.

In addition to the five (5) entities mentioned above, PMB also acquired Penang Bridge Sdn. Bhd. (PBSB), which was the concession owner of Jambatan Pulau Pinang at the time, from UEM Builders Berhad, a subsidiary of PMB' shareholder, UEM Group Berhad.



#### In 2011

Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad (PLUS Berhad), a wholly owned subsidiary of PMB, was incorporated to consolidate all highway assets and liabilities acquired by PMB under a single entity. Following the consolidation, PLUS Berhad became the concessionaire for the North-South Expressway, Central Link, Second Crossing, Butterworth-Kulim Expressway, and Penang Bridge.



#### In 2016

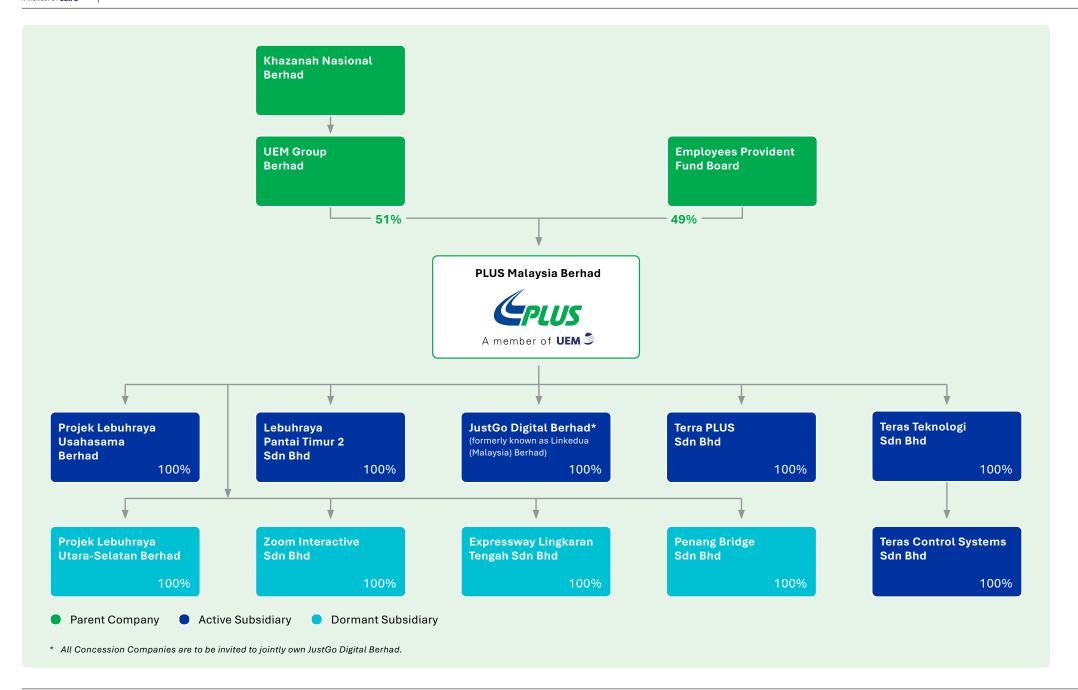
Lebuhraya Pantai Timur 2 Sdn Bhd (LPT2 SB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of PMB, assumed operations and maintenance of Lebuhraya Pantai Timur Phase 2 (LPT2).

With the completion of the aforementioned highway concession consolidation and the incorporation of LPT2 into the PMB family, we are now the largest toll expressway operator in Malaysia and one (1) of the largest in Southeast Asia, presenting a significant responsibility that we do not take lightly and for which we will continue to strive to reach greater heights.



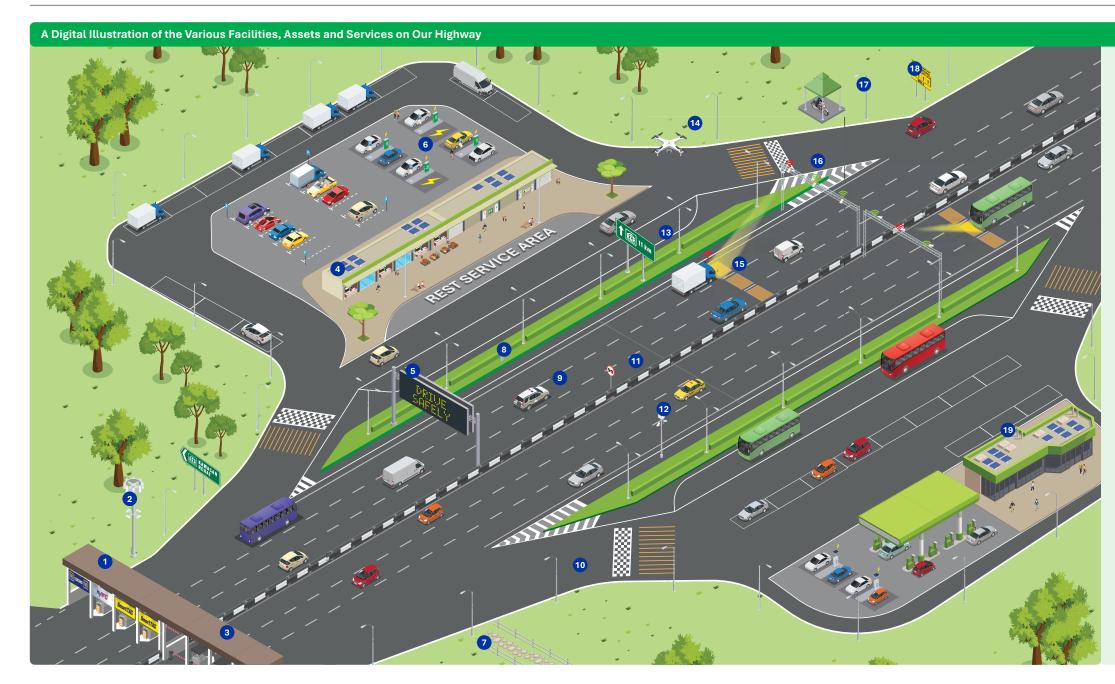












- 1 Toll Plaza Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)
- 2 High Mast Lighting
- 3 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Camera
- 4 Rest Service Area (RSA)/Solar Panel
- 5 Variable Message Sign (VMS)
- 6 EV Charging Stations
- Vista Point
- 8 Emergency Telephone
- 9 PLUSRonda Patrol Vehicle
- 10 Street Lighting
- Speed Limit Road Sign
- 12 Highway CCTV
- 13 Directional Signages
- 14 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)
- 15 Weigh-in-Motion (WIM)
- Oversized Vehicle Detection (OSVD) System
- 17 Motorcycle Shelter
- 18 Smartlane Signage
- 19 Lay-by

Note: This encompasses facilities assets and patrolling services of all PLUS expressways including LPT2.

#### **Facilities**



104 Toll Plazas

132

Interchanges



Rest Service Areas



Overhead Bridge Restaurants



50 Lay-bys



140 Suraus

191 Public Restrooms

#### **Assets**



6,320km Lane-KM Pavement



30.2km
Wire Rope Safety Barriers



1,692 High Mast Lightings



1,119
Emergency
Telephones



710 Bridges



3,600km

Highway Guardrail Barriers



**6,036**Culverts

90

2,985

Closed-circuit Television Cameras



Tunnels



2,100km

**Highway Fencing** 



Variable Message Signs



5 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles



8,346 Slopes



26,611 Street Lightings



Truck-Mounted Attenuators

## **Patrolling Services**



581
Patrolmen



Traffic Monitoring Support Personnel



152 Patrol Vehicles



39 Motorbikes



34 Slide

Slide Decks



10 Tow Trucks

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Our Mission Our Corporate Values Our Culture Practices

We connect people, places and facilitate socioeconomic activity, best described as connecting communities from across geographical, social and economic segments to enhance quality of life.

As a leader, we play a critical role in shaping the future of the industry as well as our society. We recognise that this requires collaborative effort and partnership with all stakeholders, including the Government.

Taking Care
Of You

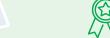
I Care

I care for the wellbeing of myself and others

We Connect Communities



To Shape



Take Pride in Results

I Am Accountable

I am empowered and accountable to deliver outstanding results together

WE CONNECT COMMUNITIES TO SHAPE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



MyPLUS is a unifying organisation culture introduced in 2023 that aspires to enhance care and support within PLUS with the hopes of positively impacting our communities



Enterprise Focused



Do Things Better

#### **I Collaborate**

I collaborate and support others to deliver success together

#### I Embrace Change

I find new ways of working to embrace change and innovation

# Committed to Your Growth

#### I Constantly Learn

I proactively learn and upskill myself to become better

#### Safe

We are known for championing safety, be it in the office or on-site, physical or digital and continue to prioritise and inculcate this safety culture in all our stakeholders.

#### Sustainable Future

We are committed to conduct our operations and business in an environmentally and socially responsible manner whilst upholding good governance. This includes being resilient, leveraging opportunities and managing risks, in line with technological advancements.



Transparency and Open Communication

#### **I Build Trust**

I act with integrity and value feedback

#### **Our Governance Structure**

We see good governance as central to delivering greater value for all our stakeholders. As such, we strive to ingrain best practices in governance, including strict adherence to the highest standards of integrity and business ethics at all levels of our organisation. Our Directors apply knowledge and experience to exercise independent and sound judgement on strategy, performance, resources and conduct. Collectively, they offer expertise in a wide range of fields, including accounting, finance, economics, engineering and sustainable development, enabling well-rounded and effective decision-making on sustainability matters.

# Our Board Committees

Our Board Committees assist the Board of Directors in discharging its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities. These Committees and their functions are as follows: Investment & Tender
Committee

To review proposals related to new investments, divestments and procurements of the Group in line with PLUS' prevailing related policies and procedures.

Audit Committee To provide oversight over the adequacy of internal controls, financial reporting process, internal audit, external audit and other matters as defined by the Board.

Nomination & Remuneration Committee

To establish and recommend to the Board regarding the Framework of Policies, on the nomination of new Directors, Board Committee members and Senior Management including the remuneration, and to assist the Board in reviewing employee performance, remuneration packages and succession plans.

Governance,
Risk & Sustainability
Committee

To provide oversight of and direction on all corporate governance, risk management, compliance, sustainability and integrity matters.



#### **Management Committees**

Our experienced leadership team is tasked with steering and executing strategies. Organisation-wide Committees are set up to assist in decision-making in accordance with the Board's directions, while providing an avenue for collective deliberation, monitoring and problem-solving, towards ensuring effective and efficient operations.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u>
to learn more about our commitment
to upholding good governance.





## DATO' MOHAMAD NASIR AB LATIF

Independent
Non-Executive Chairman

#### **Date of Appointment**

- 31 December 2013 (appointed as Board Member)
- 27 June 2019 (appointed as Chairman)

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Bachelor of Social Science (Economics), Universiti Sains Malaysia
- Certified Diploma in Accounting and Finance (ACCA)
- Master of Science in Investment Analysis, University of Sterling, United Kingdom

#### **Directorship in Other Companies**

- Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad (Chairman)
- Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (Chairman)
- United Plantations Berhad (Chairman)
- RHB Islamic Bank Berhad (Chairman)
- · Yinson Holdings Berhad
- RHB Bank Berhad

- Dato' Mohamad Nasir's career at the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Board spanned 37 years, beginning as an Enforcement Officer and rising through the ranks to become General Manager of the International Equity Department before assuming the role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Investment) in 2013.
- He retired as Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Investment) from EPF on 31 December 2019.
- Throughout his career, he has been an active advocate of good governance, regularly engaging in public dialogues with the Government, regulators and industry leaders to enhance stakeholder value.
- He was also part of the Joint Working Team of the Putrajaya Committee on GLC High Performance (PCG) Transformation Programme which forms part of the Government's effort at improving performance of government-linked companies by coordinating initiatives to enhance Board structures, regulatory environment, capital management, leadership and human capital development, among others.
- In 2019, Dato' Mohamad Nasir was Chairman of the Institutional Investors Council Malaysia.
- He is the Chairman of Investment Panel of the Employee Provident Fund (EPF) and a member of the Investment Panel of Lembaga Pembangunan Langkawi (LADA).



## **DATUK AMRAN HAFIZ AFFIFUDIN**

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

## **Date of Appointment**

• 19 July 2024

#### **Board Committee Memberships**

- Board Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (Chairman)
- Nomination & Remuneration Committee (Chairman)
- Audit Committee (Member)

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Bachelor of Science in Commerce (Accounting and Finance) McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia, United States of America
- Executive/Professional courses, Harvard Business School, United States of America
- Executive/Professional course, London Business School, United Kingdom

## **Directorship in Other Companies**

- Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad
- UEM Group Berhad
- UEM Sunrise Berhad
- UEM Edgenta Berhad
- UEM Lestra Berhad (Chairman)
- UEM Builders Berhad (Chairman)
- Cenergi SEA Berhad (Chairman)
- PLUS Expressways International Berhad
- Cement Industries of Malaysia Berhad
- Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad

- Datuk Amran Hafiz was appointed to the Board of UEM Group Berhad (UEM) on 15 April 2022 and designated as Chairman on 1 January 2023. He was subsequently re-designated and appointed as the Managing Director on 1 August 2024.
- He was previously the Executive Director and Head of the Asset Development Group at Khazanah Nasional Berhad (Khazanah), where he was responsible for overseeing Khazanah's Malaysian investments.
- Prior to this, Datuk Amran Hafiz, who has over 27 years of experience, was responsible for Khazanah's investments in various sectors, including Energy, Iskandar, Leisure and Tourism, Infrastructure, Power, Agrifood and Sustainable Development.
- He began his career in 1997 with Petroliam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS) in corporate finance and treasury functions.
   He then transitioned to the private equity industry before joining Khazanah in 2011.



## **AZHAR AHMAD**

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

#### **Date of Appointment**

• 6 March 2023

#### **Board Committee Memberships**

- Nomination & Remuneration Committee (Member)
- Board Investment & Tender Committee (Member)
- Board Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (Member)

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Bachelor of Accountancy, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia
- Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)

#### **Directorship in Other Companies**

- Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad
- IJM Corporation Berhad

- Azhar is currently the Head of the Capital Market Department, within the Investment Division at the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), a position he has held since 1 December 2019. He is responsible for overseeing fixed-income investments, including loans and bonds as well as the Private Debt across both domestic and global markets.
- He started his career with EPF in 1995 and held several positions in various fields, such as investment and economic research, debt capital market, fixed income investment, corporate finance, fund management and private debt.
- Prior to his current post, he was the Head of the External Fund Manager Department, where he supervised external fund managers for equity and fixed income mandates (domestic and global markets).



## **DATO' ROSLAN IBRAHIM**

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

#### **Date of Appointment**

• 15 October 2024

## **Board Committee Memberships**

Board Investment & Tender Committee (Member)

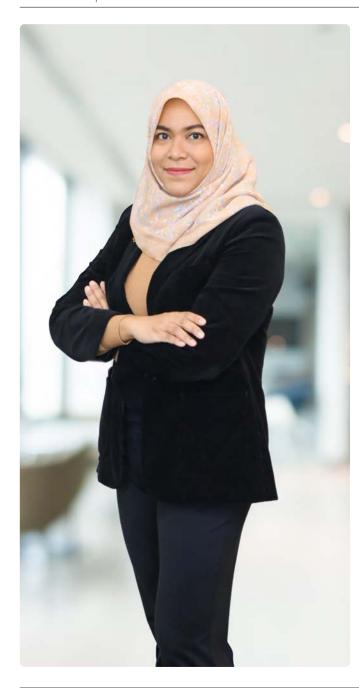
## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Bachelor of Civil Engineering, University College of Swansea, United Kingdom
- Master of Business Administration, Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom

#### **Directorship in Other Companies**

- Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad
- · Cement Industries of Malaysia Berhad
- UEM Builders Berhad
- Samsung C&T Corporation
- · UEM Construction JV Sdn Bhd
- Unipati Concrete Sdn Bhd
- Konsortium PROHAWK Sdn Bhd
- UFM Construction Sdn Bhd
- Destination Hotels and Resorts Sdn Bhd

- Dato' Roslan is currently an Advisor to the Managing Director of UEM Group Berhad (UEM).
- He has over 40 years of industry experience, including a proven track record in the construction and management of complex infrastructure projects.
- He started his career in 1981 and has been involved in several mega projects, including the Peninsular Gas Pipeline, 55-storey Menara Telekom, Putrajaya Bridges and the Petronas Twin Towers. In the area of Business Development, he secured maiden projects in Sudan and Dubai during his tenure with MMC Engineering Group Berhad and IJM Corporation Berhad respectively.
- He joined UEM in 2006, bringing with him a wealth of cross-functional experience in Engineering and Construction as well as Business Development. During his tenure, he headed a team to successfully completed the Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Bridge, also known as the Penang Second Bridge (P2B) Project. He was later appointed as UEM's Head of Group Business Development. Thereafter, he took up the position of President Director of PT Lintas Marga Sedaya, a former 55% subsidiary of UEM in Indonesia.
- On 1 August 2015, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer, Development, of UEM Sunrise Berhad and subsequently Director, Technical, of the Merdeka 118 project in 2018, before assuming his current position in September 2024.
- Prior to UEM, he was the Acting Executive Director for Operations and Business Development at Puncak Niaga Holdings Berhad.



## **INTAN ZALIKHA AMIR BASHA**

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

#### **Date of Appointment**

• 1 November 2024

## **Board Committee Memberships**

- Audit Committee (Member)
- Board Investment & Tender Committee (Member)

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Bachelor of Actuarial Science (1st Class Honours), Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia
- Master of Finance, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom

## **Directorship in Other Companies**

Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad

- Intan Zalikha is currently the Head of Private Equity Section in the Investment Division at the Employees Provident Fund (EPF).
- In 2014, she was selected as part of the inaugural team to set up EPF's London office from the ground up (seconded for two (2) years), ensuring operational readiness and expanding EPF's private equity and infrastructure investment footprint globally.
- Intan Zalikha joined EPF in 2006 and she has over 18
  years of experience and has held several positions in
  various fields, including leading key projects, executing
  and monitoring and overseeing private equity and
  infrastructure investments.
- She also serves on the Advisory Committee of several private equity funds.



## **TEE MEI LING DIANA**

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

## **Date of Appointment**

• 1 July 2023

## **Board Committee Memberships**

• Board Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (Member)

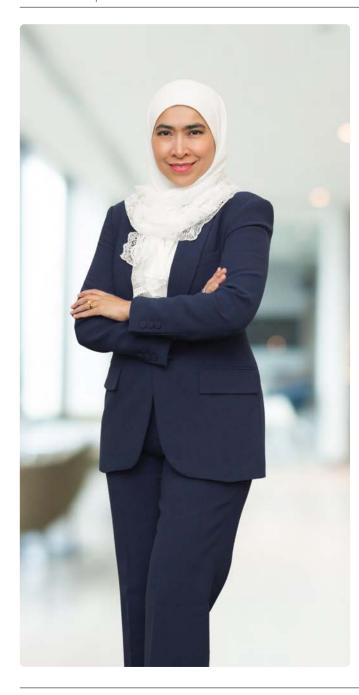
## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

 Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Accounting), Monash University

## **Directorship in Other Companies**

• NIL

- Diana is currently the Senior Vice President in the Investment Division of Khazanah Nasional Berhad (Khazanah), where she oversees the Telecommunications sector.
- She joined Khazanah in 2014 and has been involved in investment evaluation, monitoring and management of Khazanah's investee companies. Prior to that, she served in the Corporate Finance Division of CIMB Investment Bank Berhad, where she was responsible for advising and implementing equity fundraising exercises and corporate transactions.



## DATIN WAN DANEENA LIZA WAN ABDUL RAHMAN

Independent
Non-Executive Director

#### **Date of Appointment**

• 1 August 2023

#### **Board Committee Memberships**

- Audit Committee (Chairman)
- Nomination & Remuneration Committee (Member)

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Accounting (1st Class Honours), University of Bristol, United Kingdom
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)

#### **Directorship in Other Companies**

- S P Setia Berhad
- Wasco Berhad
- Deutsche Bank Malaysia Berhad

- Datin Wan Daneena Liza was a senior partner in Ernst & Young Malaysia's Financial Services Assurance practice until September 2022.
- After completing her undergraduate degree, she began her career as an auditor at KPMG London in September 1996, serving the Information, Communication and Entertainment industry.
- She qualified as a chartered accountant with ICAEW in December 1999 and returned to Malaysia in August 2002 as an Audit Manager in Ernst & Young Kuala Lumpur's Financial Services Assurance Group. She became a partner of Ernst & Young in July 2008.
- She has over 25 years of experience in providing various types of assurance and business advisory services to corporations, including financial institutions and conglomerates, listed and private entities which include commercial, Islamic and investment banks, development financial institutions, asset management and stock broking companies, sovereign wealth funds, venture capital and private equity funds, unit and property trusts, investment holding companies, credit rating agency, government-linked companies, statutory bodies and foundations.



## **LIM FEN NEE**

Independent Non-Executive Director

#### **Date of Appointment**

• 1 August 2023

#### **Board Committee Memberships**

Board Investment & Tender Committee (Chairman)

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Master of Business Administration in E-Commerce, Charles Sturt University, Australia
- Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)
- Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Member of ASEAN Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA)

#### **Directorship in Other Companies**

- Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad
- Shangri-La Hotels (Malaysia) Berhad
- Allianz Life Insurance Malaysia Berhad

- Fen Nee is a qualified accountant with over 24 years of experience in the fields of accounting, assurance and regulatory oversight.
- She was the Regional Partner of Deloitte Southeast Asia (SEA) and the SEA Regulatory and Public Policy Leader from 2017 to 2019. Her main role involved managing assurance and advisory services, professional practice, quality initiatives as well as regulatory and public policy.
- Prior to Deloitte SEA, she was with the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) from 2010 to 2016. She was the Head of the Audit Oversight Board (AOB) and was one (1) of the founding management team members.
- In addition, she also served as a Project Advisor to the SC, covering various capital market projects and was actively involved in international and ASEAN audit oversight activities.
- She also represented the SC Malaysia on the Audit Licensing Committee in the Accountant General's Office of the Ministry of Finance.
- She gained extensive experience in assurance and advisory in public and multinational companies during her roles at Ernst & Young Kuala Lumpur and PwC United States from 1997 to 2009.
- She has held consulting roles in The World Bank, Washington DC covering governance and financial reporting.



## **DATUK NIK AIRINA NIK JAFFAR**

**Managing Director** 

#### **Date of Appointment**

1 May 2023

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Miami, United States of America
- Masters of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Miami, United States of America
- Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT), United Kingdom

#### **Directorship in Other Companies**

- Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad (Managing Director)
- Lebuhraya Pantai Timur 2 Sdn Bhd
- Teras Teknologi Sdn Bhd (Chairman)
- · Projek Lebuhraya Utara- Selatan Berhad
- · Expressway Lingkaran Tengah Sdn Bhd
- Terra PLUS Sdn Bhd
- Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)
- Universiti Teknologi MARA

- Datuk Nik Airina has over 30 years of experience in project development as well as in concession, project and asset management, both in Malaysia and internationally. She has been involved in the development and management of various major infrastructure projects, namely the North-South Expressway (NSE), Cikopo-Palimanan Toll Road (Indonesia), Manila-Cavite Expressway (Philippines), LRT Extension and Pan Borneo Sabah Highway.
- She was previously the General Manager of Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad's (PLUS Berhad) Planning and Development Division before taking on the role of Chief Operating Officer in 2006.
- She has held several senior leadership roles in various companies, including Managing Director of Opus Group Berhad, Group Chief Business Development Officer at UEM Group Berhad, Managing Director of Special Projects at UEM Group Berhad and Managing Director of UEM Builders Berhad.
- Her active involvement in industry associations and institutions is well-acknowledged. She previously served as the Vice Chairman of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) Malaysia and was a Council Member of the Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia as well as the Road Engineering Association of Malaysia.



## **IMRAN ABDUL RAHIM**

Alternate Director to Datuk Amran Hafiz Affifudin (Datuk Amran)

#### **Date of Appointment**

• 15 October 2024

## Academic/Professional Qualification/ Membership

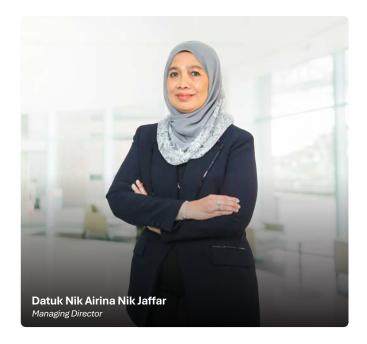
- Bachelor of Science (Economics) with Honours in Accounting and Finance, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)

#### **Directorship in Other Companies**

- Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad (Alternate Director to Datuk Amran)
- Cement Industries of Malaysia Berhad
- UEM Builders Berhad

- Imran is the Chief Operating Officer of UEM Group Berhad (UEM). He was previously Director, Transformation and prior to that, Director, High-Speed Rail, having joined UEM in 2017. He was formerly an Executive Director in EY's Infrastructure practice.
- His areas of expertise include strategy, corporate and operational restructuring and turnarounds, business and financial planning, M&A structuring and integration, infrastructure public-private partnerships as well as large contract bidding, with particular depth in Strategic Regulated Infrastructure and Transport.
- Imran has over 20 years of working experience in the UK and Mainland Europe, including in KPMG London's Infrastructure practice. He held senior management roles in listed transport groups FirstGroup plc and National Express Group PLC as well as in the rail unit of the UK Department for Transport.











































Our Approach Towards Sustainability

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Our mission at PLUS is to "Connect Communities to Shape a Safe and Sustainable Future". In achieving this, we are committed to conducting our business and operations in an environmentally conscious and socially responsible manner while upholding good governance.

We manage approximately 1,121km of highways in Peninsular Malaysia, traversing various landscapes linking the nation and the rakyat. Our highway network is the backbone of road transportation. Hence, we play a significant role in driving sustainability practices. Over the years, we have implemented various initiatives which positively impacted the environment and people, whilst upholding good governance practices.

In moving our sustainability agenda forward, we have streamlined our approach into four (4) key steps:

### **Our Four-Step Approach**



Alignment with national frameworks, policies as well as applicable guideline and standards.



Identified stakeholders and understood what is important to them.



Strategy and Governance

Defined organisation strategy, set up governance mechanisms and integrated sustainability thinking into business and operations.



Report and Communication

Disclosed progress through periodic communication to relevant stakeholders.

# PLUS aims to drive sustainable performance

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OR most industries, the race to integrate practices that help lower their carbon footprint scores becomes more urgent, especially when such industries depend on other businesses that observe ESG stand-

Malaysia largest highway concessionaire PLUS Malaysia Bhd (PLUS) aims to lead by setting the industry's benchmark for the nation, as the country's first highway operator to conduct a comprehensive climate risk assess-

"This provides us with the ability to strategically support the government to shape national policies aimed to drive nation building and advance our nation's sustainability agenda," said PLUS managing director Datuk Nik

Airina Nik Jaffar, The company proactively mitigates climate change impacts by deploying advanced preventive measures through its operations while setting new standards in infrastructure resilience.

\*By integrating sustainable practices into our strategic asset and operations management, we aim to strengthen resilience to climate change, enhance asset durability and lifespan to achieve optimum whole life cycle cost, ultimately delivering operationa efficiency," she said.

She further explained that the company's sustainability agenda is aligned with the government plans, policies and transition roadmaps, namely the Madani Economy Framework, the National Energy Transition Roadmap and the Low-Carbon Mobility Plan

It also supports emerging frameworks such as the Nationa Climate Change Policy 2.0 and Reporting Framework.

Being a subsidiary of UEM Group Berhad (UEM Group), PLUS aligns its commitment to further the group's domestic investment agenda of creating lasting value by integrating sustainable practices that benefit both the environment and the community, while also generating positive economic multiplier

UEM Group managing director Datuk Amran Hafiz Affifudin said. "As the infrastructure arm of



With the North-South Expressway, PLUS aims to lead in its sustainable practices and craft its own narrative on



Amran: PLUS' commitment to sustainable operations align with UEM Group's domestic investmen agenda of creating lasting value.



Nik Airina: "We embrace regulatory changes as an us to explore new sustainable practices."

Malaysia.\*

Shining examples



The Seremban Southbound RSA building incorporates the use of eco-conscious material and houses state-of-the-art technologies

encourage them to embed sustainable practices in their jour-

The RSA's design has been certified with a gold rating by the Green Building Index (GBI), which fulfils the company's vision of redefining eco-friendly travel on the North-South Expressway.

The building incorporates the use of eco-conscious materials and houses state-of-the-art green technologies, which include solar panels, electric vehicle (EV) charging points, rainwater harvesting system, food waste composting machines and recycling bins for fabric and all

infrastructure using solar photo voltaic systems as it transitions way from fossil fuels.

PLUS has also retrofitted the streetlights along its highways. upgrading over 37,000 with LED

This investment helps to reduce greenhouse gas emis sions by 25,827 tonnes of CO2 equivalent (tCO2eq) - equivalent to saving 427,044 trees annually.

### Progressive outlook

We have taken an active role n enhancing Malaysia's resilience against climate change by adopting climate impact adaptation neasures for critical national

well as the communities who live along the highways

With a significant operational ootprint spanning over 1,130km across nine states in Peninsular Malaysia, we serve up to two million vehicles, daily, facilitating socioeconomic activities across Peninsular Malaysia and improving the quality of life for Malaysians,

To stay ahead of the curve, especially in anticipation of new regulations and trends, PLUS continuously monitors regulatory developments and engages with

"We embrace regulatory changes as an opportunity to innovate driving us to explore new sustainable practices that not only com ply with regulations, but more mportantly, contribute to our long-term resilience and competiveness," shared Nik Airina

### A broader context

On a larger scale, Nik Airina said PLUS is committed to shape the industry both locally and regionally as the sustainable practices align it with nationa and international sustainable development goals.

"We actively contribute to national-level initiatives to shape the nation's policies and we par-Health Action Plan committee where we provide industry thought leadership in developing policies to shape future sustainable development within the planetary boundaries."

She added that the national capacity building efforts include supporting the National Institute of Public Administration (Intan) and local universities in delivering sustainability training proand future leaders to deepen their understanding on sustaina

"Our efforts so far have been recognised by United Nations Global Compact Malaysia and Brunei for establishing the industry's first comprehensive climate risk and human rights risk assessments."

With such measures, PLUS aims to inspire and empower all generations of Malaysians.

As PLUS continues its green evolution, Malaysia's highways are set to become iconically sustainable pathways to the future. "Our mission at PLUS is to

Connect communities to shape a safe and sustainable future'."

Our sustainability efforts as featured in The Star's ESG section.

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### **Requirements and Alignment**

Our sustainability agenda is strategically positioned to add value to the organisation by aligning with national frameworks, policies as well as applicable guideline and standards.

### **National Framework**

We are committed to contributing meaningfully to the nation's broader sustainability goals and ensuring that our efforts support the nation's frameworks and blueprints:



### MADANI Economy Framework

Aims to boost Malaysian economy and achieve quality GDP growth.



# The Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Works

Contains four (4) strategic cores, 16 strategies and 60 action plans, taking into account the views of stakeholders, industry players and professional bodies.



### Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK-12)

Developed with the objective of a prosperous, inclusive, sustainable Malaysia and it revolves around three (3) main themes.



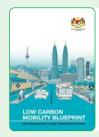
# National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) 2.0

Achieving our nationally determined contribution (NDC), including reaching net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.



### National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR)

Outlined ten (10) flagship projects to drive energy transition to improve climate resilience.



# Low-Carbon Mobility Blueprint (LCMB)

Outlines strategies to achieve a low-carbon transportation system.

### **MADANI Economy Framework**

The MADANI Economy aims to foster economic growth, sustainability and prosperity to enrich the *rakyat*'s quality of life. Our efforts align with its objectives through initiatives that support national economic resilience, environmental stewardship and social wellbeing.



### Raise the Ceiling

Rebuilding the Malaysian Home by regionalising business, transforming our economy and increasing national competitiveness.



Raise the Floor

Championing social justice to improve **Quality of Life** for the *rakyat*.



Good Governance and Delivery as Foundation

Rebuild trust via **Good Governance & Delivery**.



### Malaysia as Leading Asian Economy

Structural change in Malaysian economy

### **Focus Area 1**

Supporting Micro/Local Businesses and the Informal Sector

We are committed to empowering micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by creating growth opportunities at our Rest and Service Areas (RSAs) and lay-bys. Our Business Partner Incentive Programme (BPIP) and Vendor Development Programme (VDP) provides vital capacity-building support.

### Focus Area 2

Spearheading Green Growth to Promote Climate Resilience

Our PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0 supports the nations' National Energy Policy and Energy Transition Roadmap roll-out, through implementation of green initiatives which include LED street lighting, solar panel installations and tree planting programmes. We work closely with Charge Point Operators (CPOs) to expand the electric vehicles (EV) charging infrastructure along our highway to support the nation's transition to greener mobility solutions.



# **Elevating Quality of Life for the** *Rakyat* Improves the lives of all Malaysian

### Focus Area 3

Providing Basic Infrastructure for All

Our highways serve as the socioeconomic transportation backbone of the nation. Hence, we play a vital role in driving economic growth, promoting social inclusivity and mobility. We are committed to providing safe and sustainable infrastructure to support the nation's development and meeting the transportation needs of the *rakyat*. We continuously strive for operational excellence and infuse technology to provide best of class facilities along our highway.



### **Good Governance to Restore Confidence**

Aim to rebuild trust via good governance & delivery

### Focus Area 4

Managing Corruption

We uphold a zero-tolerance stance against all forms of bribery and corruption and we are continuously enhancing our policies and anti-bribery measures to uphold the highest ethical standards. Our robust integrity framework encompasses comprehensive policies that apply to both internal and external stakeholders. These measures are firmly in place to ensure compliance and accountability across our operations, fostering a culture of integrity and trust that extends beyond our organisation.

### Alignment to Shareholders' Expectations



### Khazanah Nasional's Sustainability Framework & Targets

A blueprint towards embedding sustainability in its investment decision making and daily operations.





### **EPF's Sustainable Investment Policy**

A core EPF investment consideration that focuses on sustainable investing and integration of ESG factors into business and operations.

We are guided by Khazanah Nasional's Sustainability Framework, which outlines principles for embedding sustainability into both investment decision making and daily operations. In addition, we ensure that our sustainability initiatives and programmes are aligned with the Employees Provident Fund's (EPF) Sustainable Investment Policy, particularly the Issue Policies relating to Workers' Wellbeing and Climate Change.



### Standards and Guidelines

We adhere to various standards and guidelines in our reporting such as those listed below:



# National Sustainability Reporting Framework

Provides a phased approach for sustainability reporting, allowing companies to gradually adopt the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) standards, to build capacity and align with global standards.



### **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)**

Provides disclosure guidelines and reporting principles for organisations to increase their transparency and communicate their impacts towards sustainable development.



# Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)

Focuses on financially material information covering a range of industry-specific sustainability areas, including environmental and social topics.



# Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

Outlines disclosure recommendations that facilitate understanding of the risks and opportunities of climate change to business and operations and vice versa.

### Membership in the CEO Action Network (CAN)

CAN is Malaysia's sustainability-focused, peer-to-peer, informal network of CEOs and senior decision makers, where PLUS is a member and has pledged to a Level 2 Commitment, entailing the following ESG targets:



### **Environmental**

- Set public targets on Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction.
- Commit to implement Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations.



### People (Social)

- Set public targets on the percentage of female composition of top management.
- Conduct human rights risk assessments, including on child/forced/compulsory labour, across own operations and value chain.



### Governance

- Disclose material sustainability risks and opportunities.
- Disclose ESG-linked performance criteria of top management.

# Commitment to the Ten (10) Principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC)

As a signatory, we join 25,000 organisations worldwide to actively participate in advocacy programmes and teaching panels, providing us an avenue to contribute, share and gain knowledge on a wide range of sustainability topics.

To demonstrate our commitment in aligning our business and operations with the UNGC's Ten (10) universally accepted principles, we partake in the submission of the Communication on Progress (COP) annually. This provides us with a channel to transparently report our adoption of sustainable practices. In addition to this, we conduct periodical reviews to identify areas for improvement and administer necessary measures to address them.

### Four (4) Pillars of UNGC Principles





# **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals** (UN SDGs)

The UN SDGs are a comprehensive set of goals that serve as a universal call to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The adoption of the UN SDGs are intended to provide a systematic

framework for national action and promote international collaboration on sustainable development. We remain committed to the UN SDGs in advancing our sustainability agenda. We have identified eight (8) UN SDGs to which we significantly contribute to, as outlined in this section and have cross referenced them to specific sustainability initiatives that we have undertaken.



Ensure Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy for All

We have accelerated efforts to significantly improve energy efficiency and harvest renewable energy.



Promote Sustained, Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth, Full and Productive Employment and Decent Work for All

We acknowledge that our operational footprint covers individuals from different socioeconomic backgrounds. Hence, it is our responsibility to safeguard our rights holders, including by providing a conducive work environment for Warga MyPLUS.



Build Resilient
Infrastructure, Promote
Inclusive and Sustainable
Industrialisation and Foster
Innovation

We build and maintain infrastructure that is resilient and sustainable. We collaborate with institutions of higher learning and leading industry practitioners to support domestic research and innovation.



Reduce Inequality within and among Countries

We proactively reduce inequalities and promote inclusion irrespective of age, gender, disability, experience or qualification. We proactively support the growth of the Bottom 40% (B40) community of the population through targeted assistance and collaborations.



Make Cities and Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable



Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns



Take Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change and its Impacts



Promote Peaceful and Inclusive Societies for Sustainable Development, Provide Access to Justice for All and Build Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions at All Levels

We adopt robust decision making processes, conduct due diligence and continuously strengthen our accountability and transparency measures to combat bribery and corruption.

We are working to ensure our roads and facilities are safe for all our customers. We have structured measures in place to respond, recover and communicate to all stakeholders during crises and emergencies.

We continue to explore possibilities to increase the adoption of circular economy practices. This includes minimising our use of natural resources and reducing waste generated from our operations.

We incorporate sustainability factors into our strategies and operations in a bid to reduce the impacts of climate.





### **Strategy and Governance**

We have established a comprehensive Sustainability Ecosystem, entailing an overarching framework with aspirations to provide clarity, foster cross-functional collaborations and ensure ESG aspects are given due consideration in the development of our strategies.



Mission At PLUS, We Connect Communities to Shape a Safe and Sustainable Future **Brand Purpose** > Taking Good Care of You, Every Step of the Way **ESG Factors Environmental** Governance **Aspirations** · To reduce carbon emissions • To uphold our mission · To achieve our business in our operations and and apply core values in objectives while embedding increase the use of delivering stakeholder good governance practices expectations. and ensuring compliance to renewable energy. laws and regulation. To leverage green · To create positive social technologies for and economic impact for To institutionalise good operational excellence and all stakeholders across governance through the competitiveness. our highway footprint and adoption of internationally business ecosystem. recognised standards. To embed good environmental practices · To advocate the importance · To ensure business sustainability by actively and sustainability of safety and equip our mindset into strategic workforce and ecosystem to identifying and managing and operational decision embrace technology and be risks and opportunities. making. future ready. SDG Mapping Standards and Guidelines National Shareholder Membership **Alignments** KHAZANAH NASIONAL TCFD **UN Sustainable Development Goals Governance and Operationalisation Structure Communication and Awareness** 

### **Strategy & Governance**

We believe in the institutionalisation of sustainability throughout all levels of our organisation as it is a collective responsibility. Accordingly, our sustainability practices are reflected through robust governance and operationalisation structures.

Our sustainability governance, spearheaded by the Board of Directors is aligned with best practices and standards, as part of our efforts to respond to the increased levels of scrutiny in corporate responsibility, transparency, fairness and accountability.

The Board Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (BGRSC) provides stewardship on our sustainability policies, programmes and strategies, reviews progress on key initiatives and deliberates on key sustainability challenges.

The BGRSC is supported by the Management Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (MGRSC), which membership includes key senior management personnel and chaired by the Managing Director. The MGRSC ensures the seamless execution of our sustainability programmes and ecosystem.

The Green Management and Energy Committee (GMEC) at PLUS chaired by our Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer serves as a pivotal body in driving the company's environmental agenda by steering, coordinating and tracking various green initiatives across the organisation.

Established to support PLUS's commitment to environmental stewardship and energy efficiency, the GMEC ensures a holistic and integrated approach to sustainability by bringing together a diverse representation of stakeholders. The committee reflects cross-functional collaboration that leverages insights and expertise across the organisation.

Through regular monitoring and strategic guidance, the GMEC plays a critical role in embedding sustainability into PLUS's operations, fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and driving the transition towards a greener, more energy-efficient future.

### **Integration & Execution**

It is imperative that we integrate sustainability practices and material matters across all aspects of our business and operations. This ensures consistent application of ESG-related aspirations in value creation and decision making. There are numerous integration approaches that we have adopted, some of which are listed as follows:



Set ESG-related corporate KPIs to ensure a consistent tone from the top intended to drive sustainability behaviours in day-to-day activities.



Embed ESG factors in decision making (i.e. Annual Operating Plan, Procurement and Board Papers).



Continuously seek guidance from the Government, agencies and international organisations and align practices with shareholders' policies and national agenda.



Conduct awareness and training programmes to embed a sustainability culture and mindset.



Ensure seamless collaboration, communication and commitment from all levels of the organisation in the execution of sustainability initiatives.

Sustainability initiatives are classified in accordance with the material matters they relate where business functions across the organisation the Sustainability team will identify and implement initiatives aligned to ESG factors and play a key role in promoting a sustainability culture across all level in PLUS.



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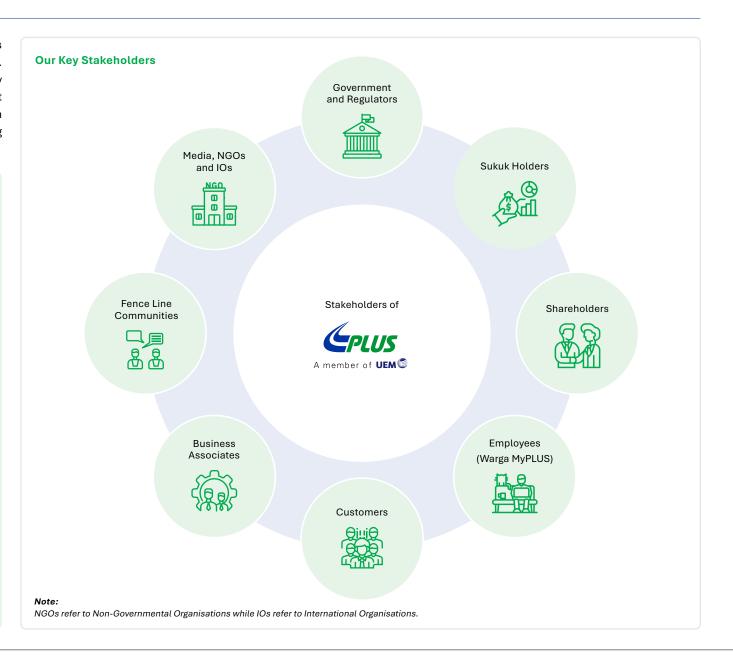






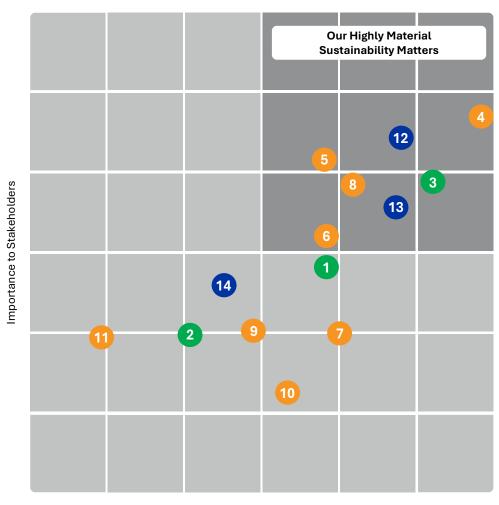
We operate within an ecosystem of stakeholders interdependence, where value creation is paramount. Conducting a materiality assessment enables us to identify and prioritise sustainability matters that are most significant to our stakeholders, taking into consideration changes in strategy, opportunities and risks, external business, operating environment and industry practices.

# **Our Process** Review established baseline against international standards and guidelines. Analyse emerging sustainability-related themes and risks and benchmark against good practices of organisations in the same industry. Identify key internal and external stakeholders. Engage stakeholders via face-to-face, interviews and surveys to understand their expectations. Consolidate and derive insights, which are then 5 mapped out on the materiality matrix, validated by both the Senior Management and Board.

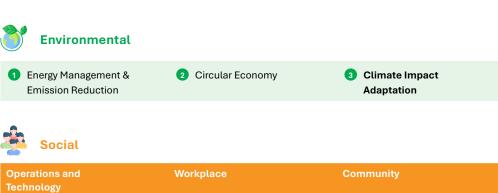


### **Our Materiality Matrix**

Based on the results, our material matters are mapped on the materiality matrix (illustrated below), which guides us in identifying matters that are important to PLUS and our stakeholders, facilitating the effective prioritisation of our resources.



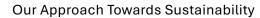
Importance to PLUS







We frequently engage our stakeholders through various platforms and programmes. This ensures effective communication of our stakeholder-specific strategies, plans and actions and is a key component of our efforts to gauge their perspectives and gather insights on emerging issues, as depicted in the following page.



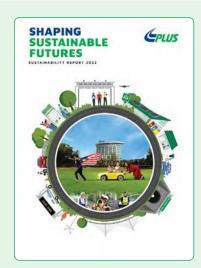


Stakeholder Groups	How We Impact Each Other	How We Engage with Them	Stakeholder Groups	How We Impact Each Other	How We Engage with Them
Government and Regulators	<ul> <li>The Government and Regulators develop, govern and deploy policies that have an impact on our operations and business activities.</li> <li>We play a significant role to meet the national agenda (i.e. by implementing these policies in our operations and business activities).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conduct and measure engagements with relevant ministries, regulators and authorities.</li> <li>Prepare proposals for highway developments aligned to the national agenda.</li> <li>Submit periodic reports, to inform of our initiatives, compliance efforts and sustainability progress.</li> </ul>	Business Associates	<ul> <li>Business Associates rely on us for business opportunities and financial security.</li> <li>We empower Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to grow and enhance their capabilities across industries as well as to be more resilient and competitive.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide procurement         announcements on our corporate         website.</li> <li>Conduct supplier briefings and         capability building programmes.</li> <li>Continuously engage through         meetings by communicating our         efforts to manage their concerns.</li> </ul>
Sukuk Holders	<ul> <li>Sukuk holders contribute the required debt capital financing for the construction and privatisation of our highway projects.</li> <li>We are responsible for ensuring that our financial obligations and covenants are always met.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Publish transparent disclosures through rating agencies and trustees.</li> <li>Hold regular briefings and engagements through general meetings and informal meetings.</li> <li>Communicate sustainability strategies.</li> <li>Address sukuk holders' information, requests and queries on our sustainability performance.</li> <li>Hold regular briefings and engagements through meetings, site visits and conferences.</li> <li>Publish transparent and timely corporate reporting and disclosures through multiple platforms.</li> <li>Communicate sustainability strategies.</li> </ul>	Fence Line Communities	Fence Line Communities expect us to be a reliable, responsible and sustainable towards socioeconomic development.	<ul> <li>Establish and implement corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, including Bumiputera empowerment initiatives.</li> <li>Spearhead various placemaking and civic engagement initiatives.</li> </ul>
	covenants are atways met.		Media, NGOs and IOs	<ul> <li>Media plays a crucial role in shaping public perception and stakeholder expectations regarding sustainability initiatives in the highway industry.</li> <li>Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and International Organisations (IOs) provide us insights on the relevant sustainability causes they represent.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collaborate to elevate the standards of the highway indsutry and gather important feedback regarding our operations.</li> <li>Promote awareness of traffic safety in local communities.</li> <li>Contribute through community investments (i.e. donations, fundraising and volunteering programmes).</li> </ul>
Shareholders	We are committed to executing our strategies and delivering long-term sustainable returns by preserving the economic value of our business and operations.				
Employees (Warga MyPLUS)	<ul> <li>Warga MyPLUS depend on us for a sustainable and reliable source of income, a safe place to work and fair opportunities for career development.</li> <li>We recognise that Warga MyPLUS play an instrumental role in delivering value and executing our strategies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Publish internal newsletters, hold regular townhalls and maintain an Intranet portal for updates.</li> <li>Provide competitive benefits and remuneration packages.</li> <li>Support their development and training needs.</li> </ul>	Customers	<ul> <li>Customers depend on us to provide uninterrupted, reliable and safe highway journeys.</li> <li>We develop strategies to fulfil customers' expectations; they give us purpose to drive our business performance.</li> </ul>	classes including heavy vehicles. • Encourage customer interactions



### **Report and Communication**

It is imperative that we communicate and report on sustainability initiatives to keep our stakeholders abreast of relevant developments. Hence, we continuously seek guidance, feedback and collaboration opportunities to improve our sustainability ecosystem. This is done through reporting and communicating our aspirations, targets and progress.











### Sustainability Report

We voluntarily publish our Sustainability Report every two (2) years to provide stakeholders with insights into our progress, commitments and key initiatives. The report is made available on our corporate website for wider reach, alongside printed copies.

### Sustainability Website

Our corporate website features a dedicated Sustainability section that showcases our commitment to sustainable development by outlining our aspirations, targets, initiatives and progress. This platform serves as a transparent communication channel, keeping stakeholders informed of our ongoing efforts and achievements in sustainability.

### Regular Updates to Shareholders

We are committed to regularly reporting our sustainability progress, performance and challenges. These reports serve a as a critical tool for fostering trust, aligning sustainability goals with shareholder expectations, overcoming challenges and driving long-term value creation.

# UN Global Compact Communication on Progress

As a signatory, we are committed to transparency and accountability in our sustainability journey. We submit a Communication on Progress annually, ensuring continued alignment with the UN principles.

### Queries from Sukuk Holders

We actively respond to queries from our Sukuk Holders to demonstrate our commitment and maintain trust.

# Sustainable, Smart & Beyond

### IN THIS SECTION

Innovating a Smart Highway	
Elevating Customer Experience	
Advancing Highway Technology through TERAS	
Pioneering the Nation's First Sustainable Rest & Service area (RSA)	
Uplifting Fence Line Communities	
Advancing Industry Leadership	

A night view of the Jalan Duta stretch along the New Klang Valley Expressway (NKVE).

We are honoured to have been a Strategic Partner of the Nation for over three (3) decades. With an operational footprint spanning approximately 1,121km across Peninsular Malaysia, our role as the nation's largest highway operator places us at the forefront of contributing to the nation's sustainable development efforts. In line with this, we are committed to conduct our business and operations in an environmentally conscious and socially responsible manner, while upholding good governance.

Our vision of a highway that is Sustainable, Smart and Beyond is founded on five (5) key underlying features:



### Smart, Data-Enabled Operations & Maintenance

Efficient operations and optimised maintenance powered by AI, predictive analytics and machine learning



### Seamless Travel Experience

Technology driven integrated customer experience enabling a smooth and safe commute



### **Green & Circular Infrastructure**

Environmentally conscious design harnessing renewable energy and sustainable materials towards decarbonisation



### Community-Centered

Sustainable and inclusive community spaces that supports socioeconomic upliftment



### **Collective Action**

Stakeholders collaborating towards a shared vision

In achieving our vision, we need to bring together holistic advancements which include the critical element of embedding technology and sustainability into our highway infrastructure and facilities to enhance customer experience. This includes mentoring our technology arms like TERAS and pioneering state of the art development such as Malaysia's first Sustainable Rest and Service Area (RSA). While continuously playing a critical role in shaping the industry through capacity building, knowledge sharing and advocacy, we also are working to set new standards for community engagement and uplifting as seen in our community day efforts. In this section we will highlight some initiatives and efforts that have and will shape the sustainable development of the nation, namely:

- Innovating a Smart Highway
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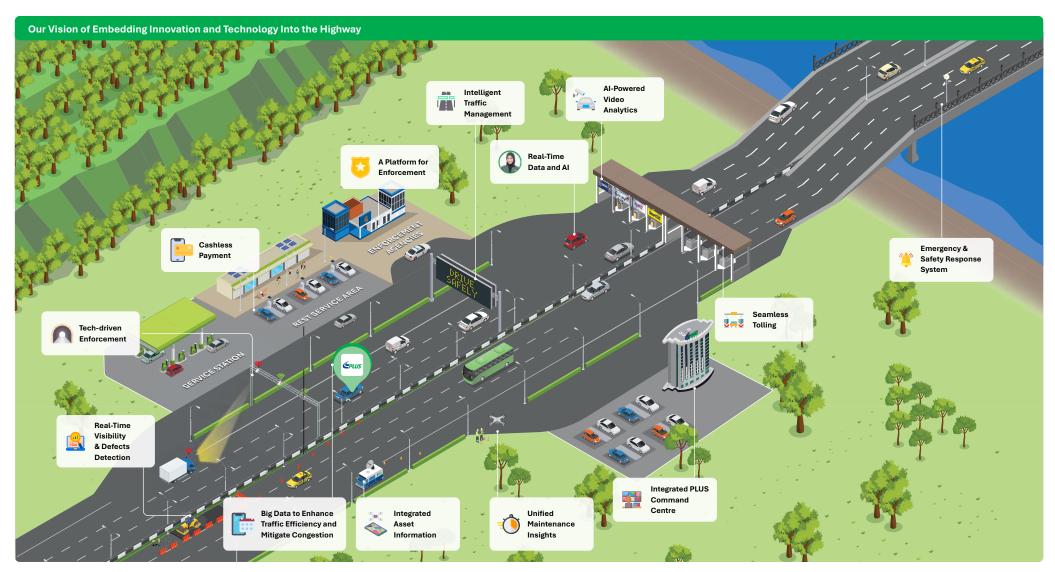




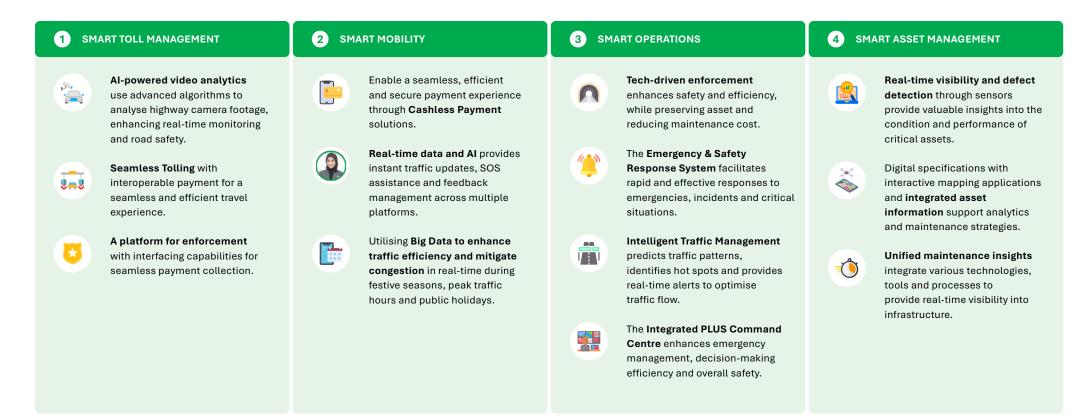


### **Driving Highway Innovation for a Smart Highway**

PLUS is driving the evolution of intelligent highways, delivering a seamless, safe and sustainable travel experience for the *rakyat*. Our commitment to building the Smart Highway is unwavering. From the introduction of cashless transactions, electronic tolling and data-driven insights to Al driven traffic management and safety systems, we utilise digitisation solutions, artificial intelligence (Al) and big data to elevate safety, efficiency and sustainability.



We leverage cutting-edge technology and innovation to enhance highway safety, efficiency and sustainability. Through active participation in key industry bodies, our leadership team plays a pivotal role in shaping policies and fostering a regulatory environment that accelerates technological advancements. Our commitment to innovation is further strengthened by ongoing research and development collaborations with universities and industry experts, ensuring continuous exploration of next-generation solutions in infrastructure and intelligent transportation systems. Our 16 priority areas identified to support the vision of a Smart Highway are as follows:



### FOUNDATION



Establish a robust and resilient IT Infrastructure and Network.



Protect sensitive information and deliver reliable services by enhancing the security and performance of digital systems.



Data management harnesses the power of data-driven insights, fostering informed decision-making.



SMART TOLL MANAGEMENT



2 SMART MOBILITY



SMART OPERATIONS



SMART ASSET MANAGEMENT



### **AI-Powered Video Analytics**

We infuse artificial intelligence coupled with advance algorithms to power our automatic number plate recognition to enhance RFID validation and perform automatic vehicle classification ensuring seamless toll transactions. Designed to be future-proof and scalable, this technology drives efficiency, reduces congestion and lowers our carbon footprint, contributing to sustainable mobility and paving the way for a smarter and more connected transportation network.





### **Seamless Tolling**

We have expanded our payment flexibility by enabling highway customers to pay tolls effortlessly using debit and credit cards at open toll plazas through a simple tap-and-go experience. We are leveraging on our Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system in exploring universal lanes channeling through number plate detection and tolling.





### A Platform for Enforcement

We are leveraging on AI and machine learning to strengthen our enforcement, ensuring fair tolling, fraud prevention and accurate vehicle classification through our Lane Remote Function system. This reinforces trust and efficiency across our tolling system.





### **Cashless Payment**

We actively drive and promote the adoption of cashless transactions across all Rest and Service Areas (RSAs) and lay-bys, partnering payment providers. As of December 2024, 84.8% of stalls have implemented cashless payments, with 535 PLUS Business Partners onboard, accepting major e-wallets, debit and credit cards.





### **Real-Time Data and Al**

Our AI-powered PUTRI Virtual Assistant leverages realtime data analytics to provide instant and accurate responses across more than 10 topics, including live traffic updates, incident reporting, promotions and facility information. Available 24/7 via the PLUS website and app, PUTRI delivers real-time traffic alerts, feedback mechanisms and SOS assistance, ultimately enhancing highway customer support and engagement.

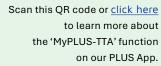




### **Big Data to Enhance Traffic Efficiency** and Mitigate Congestion

Our MyPLUS Travel Time Advisory (MyPLUS-TTA), integrated with PLUS Mobile App, leverages big data analytics to provide personalised travel time recommendations. By analysing historical traffic patterns and real-time road conditions, it dynamically predicts congestion and suggests optimal travel times, helping to disperse traffic flow—especially during festive seasons, peak hours and public holidays—for a smoother and more efficient travel experience.









SMART TOLL MANAGEMENT



2 SMART MOBILITY



**3** SMART OPERATIONS



4 SMART ASSET MANAGEMENT



### **Tech-Driven Enforcement**

Our Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) system enhances road safety and preserves highway infrastructure by monitoring vehicle weight in real-time. Integrated with advanced Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology, it supports enforcement authorities, improves highway customer safety and optimises maintenance costs by preventing pavement damage.





### **Emergency & Safety Response System**

Our Al-driven surveillance system detects unusual behaviour in realtime, enabling swift intervention during emergencies. Integrated into our Traffic Monitoring Centre (TMC), this system strengthens emergency response efforts, safeguarding lives and ensuring a safer environment for all highway customers.





### **Intelligent Traffic** Management

Traffic Management System leverages AI-powered analytics to enable predictive traffic management, dynamic road control and congestion mitigation. By integrating Variable Message Signs (VMS), Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and Automatic Vehicle Detection Systems (AVDS), we optimise road usage and lay the foundation for an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).





### **Integrated PLUS Command Centre**

Our future Integrated Command Centre will utilise AI to optimise centralised emergency response, enhancing efficiency, accuracy and speed. By integrating real-time data, digitalisation and Traffic Monitoring Centre (TMC) connectivity, PLUS ensures seamless communication, allowing for faster response times and improved highway management.







### **Real-Time Visibility & Defects Detection**

We employ Internet of Things (IoT) technology and advanced modeling to provide real-time monitoring of pavement conditions. This enables proactive defect detection, predictive maintenance and adaptive strategies based on evolving environmental conditions thereby supporting the development of a Total Smart Highway Asset Management System.





### **Integrated Asset Information**

Through interactive 2D and 3D mapping digital specifications and integrated analytics, we optimise maintenance strategies, minimising downtime and resource consumption. We are exploring potential expansion of our models utilising digital twinning.





### **Unified Maintenance Insights**

By integrating machine learning and deep learning with our Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and emerging technology, we enable unified, rapid and comprehensive asset inspections, ensuring proactive maintenance and continuous insights—especially for critical highway asset inspection along PLUS—thereby strengthening the resilience of our highway network. We have utilised dTIMS, an asset management software to strengthen forecasting of pavement deterioration and pavement rehabilitation.







With smart infrastructure reshaping the operations of our highways, it is imperative to ensure these advancements translate into an enhanced experience for our customers. We continuously innovate and embed technology to elevate your journey with us, providing the best experience at every step. Whether it is your daily commute, *bailk kampung* or a holiday trip, PLUS is committed to delivering the best travel experience to you in line with our purpose: "Taking Good Care of You, Every Step of the Way." Here are some of the enhanced services we have brought to you.



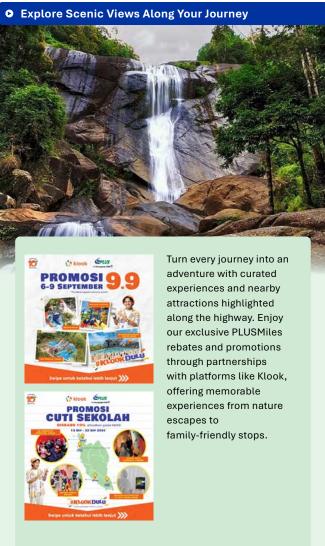


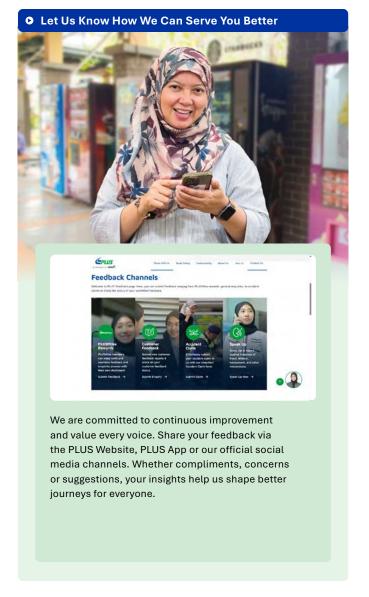


From planning your journey at home with us, we welcome you onto our highways providing you a seamless commute with essential real-time information for a smoother journey and 24/7 assistance. Along your journey, take a refreshing break at our award-winning RSAs, explore scenic attractions curated along the highway and enjoy a seamless travel experience designed for comfort and discovery. Once you have reached your destination, we welcome your feedback as every insight helps us serve you better.



all highway customers.







### **Selected Highlights of Our Recent Customer-centric Innovations**

### Maximising Value to You



Through initiatives like Green Healing and PLUSMiles Rewards, we make travel across Malaysia safer, more rewarding and enjoyable, whether it's for your daily commute, a weekend retreat or a family holiday.

We continuously curate exclusive offers and experiences to enhance every journey:

- Exclusive Deals & Rewards: Enjoy up to RM50 in rebates on seasonal travels and earn PLUSMiles points.
- In 2024, we launched the following:

**75** videos

136 digital postings campaigns









We collaborate with leading travel and entertainment partners such as Tourism Malaysia, Klook and Astro to bring exclusive travel perks, promotions and destination highlights to our highway customers.

### How You Can Reach Us



We believe that every voice matters. Leveraging our 4R approach, Record, Report, Respond and Resolve, we ensure every concern and feedback you share is addressed promptly and effectively.

You can reach us through our omnichannels:



PLUS

Website



**PLUS** 

App



**PLUSLine** 



**Email** 



**PLUS** Social Media You can reach out to us on any of the following:



### **PLUSMiles Rewards**

Swift and seamless member support through your personal dashboard.



### **Customer Feedback**

Submit, track and manage your feedback with ease.



### **Accident Claim**

Quickly file your claim via our streamlined form for faster processing.



### Speak Up

Report misconduct, fraud or unethical behaviour confidently and anonymously.

Your input drives innovation at PLUS. With advanced digital tools and customer-first solutions, we remain focused on making every journey safer, smoother and more satisfying for everyone, every day.

Scan this QR code or click here to learn more about our PLUSMiles Rewards Programme.



Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) for 2024 is

87%

Today's highway customers are increasingly tech-savvy, seeking greater control, wider array of choices and personalised services. Here at PLUS, we embed technology across our customer touchpoints to provide enhanced experience.

### Enhancing Customer Experiences via Our PLUS App



The PLUS Mobile App is thoughtfully designed to put your convenience at the heart of every journey. Packed with intuitive features that prioritise safety, efficiency and personalised control, the app is a key part of our commitment to delivering a seamless and rewarding travel experience.

440,128\*

Net Downloads as of 31st December 2024

33K\*

Monthly Active Users

Available on







\* Source of data from Google Analytics





In today's rapidly evolving landscape, technology and systems are advancing continuously. As a result, the expectations of highway customers have shifted dramatically which necessitates a reimagining of how we approach transportation solutions. Hence adaptive, resilient and reliable technology are required.

Over the past 30 years, TERAS has played an instrumental role in transforming Malaysia's cash toll collection towards full electronic toll collection using technology such as contactless smart cards, SmartTAG and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), significantly enhancing efficiency and convenience for millions of highway customers. Under the stewardship of PLUS Malaysia Berhad as its parent company, TERAS has evolved from an internal systems integrator into a regionally recognised transport technology provider, delivering end-to-end, locally engineered solutions that serve not only PLUS but also the broader needs of the nation's transportation ecosystem.

TERAS leads research and development efforts focused on technologies central to the realisation of smart highways, tackling the challenges involved in managing highway networks. "Operating a highway network is inherently complex—it demands efficiency, accuracy and resilience. At TERAS, we continuously reimagine and take pride in enabling our clients to sustain their business through intelligent and localised innovations." said Anwar Ishak, Chief Executive Officer of TERAS.

To strengthen long-term sustainability, TERAS adopts a multi-pronged approach by maintaining a strong commitment to research and development, proactively developing emerging technologies, investing in workforce upskilling, fostering diversity and upholding a strong safety culture. This is demonstrated through TERAS' development of homegrown expertise in toll collection systems, including the design and assembly of smart card readers and circuit boards. These solutions now power the nation's tolling infrastructure and support the national transition to next-generation systems.

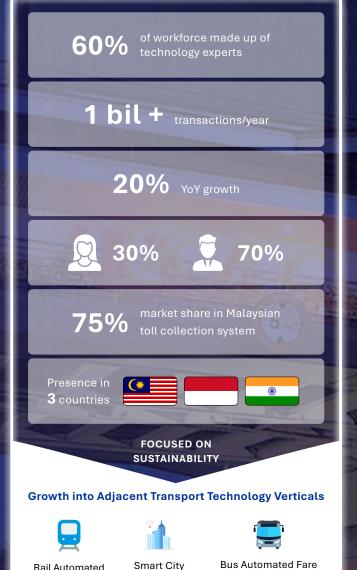


Subsidiary of



30 YEARS EXPERIENCE





Traffic

Management

Monitoring &

Analysis

Collection (AFC)

**Bus Advanced Public** 

**Transport Management** 

System (APTMS)

Rail Automated

Fare Collection

(AFC)

### TERAS' Key Milestones in Transitioning Electronic Tolling and Fare Collection Systems

For three (3) decades, TERAS has led the evolution of Malaysia's toll system, developing the nation's electronic fare collection system and transforming how the nation moves and connects. Today, the smart mobility systems powered by TERAS also shape physical spaces, enabling seamless, sustainable technological transitions for the *rakyat*.



















# Delivering Value Through Support Services

TERAS is ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems (QMS) certified and offers a comprehensive nationwide support and maintenance network with fully localised equipment production and assembly for enhanced service delivery.



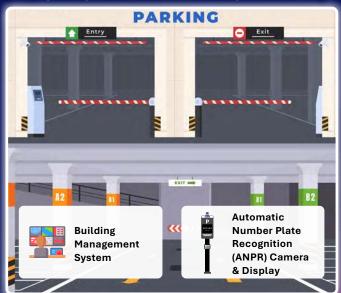






### **TERAS Products and Services Applied at Various Locations**

### **Building Management Systems and Parking Solutions**



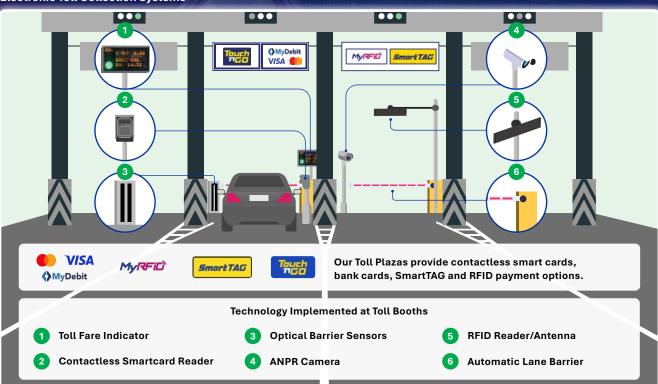
### VMS Signages Along Highways



### Rail Automated Fare Collection (AFC)



### **Electronic Toll Collection Systems**





### **Al Powered Enforcement**

Computer vision-powered surveillance systems are integrated into enforcement authorities' vehicles, enabling real-time detection of traffic violations.



### **Rail Wagon & Container Tracking**

Al-powered real-time detection and identification of wagons and shipping containers enable advanced monitoring and management of cargo transportation for rail and shipping operators.



### **Next-Gen Toll Collection System**

Integration of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to enable a seamless tolling experience.

# TERAS Being Future-Ready Through R&D

Beyond highways, TERAS is expanding its innovations into other sectors, such as wagon tracking for railways and automated fare collection (AFC) systems for rail and bus networks. At the regional level, TERAS is broadening its market reach by forging strategic partnerships with local champions to drive innovation and support sustainable mobility across Southeast Asia.

In an era where infrastructure resilience is paramount, TERAS is well-positioned to lead in the localisation of essential technologies. Malaysia's toll collection systems are now powered entirely by an ecosystem of local companies, led by TERAS. This allows TERAS to remain at the forefront by investing in R&D and collaborating with global technology leaders for knowledge transfer, while ensuring that solutions remain anchored in local capabilities.



### **Cloud-Based Tolling**

Cloud-based tolling reduces costs, enhances system resilience with cloud technology and enables faster innovation for smarter, future-ready mobility.



### **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Traffic Surveillance**

UAV-based real-time traffic surveillance supports faster incident detection and response for heightened safety.



### **Mobility Data Analytics**

Mobility Data Insights enable data-driven decisions for transportation planning and understanding of customer behaviour through movement patterns.



### Overview of PLUS Rest and Service Areas (RSAs)

Historically, RSAs and lay-bys served a basic function, offering a brief pause for travellers to rest and refresh before continuing their journey. However, the expectations and needs of highway customers have evolved significantly over time.

In alignment with the Malaysian Highway Authority's (MHA) vision to enhance operational quality and customer experience, PLUS has progressively transformed its RSAs into more than just pit stops. These upgraded facilities now serve as vital components of the customer journey as they provide comfort and convenience.

Our RSAs play a crucial role in driving socio-economic development in surrounding communities. They align with the National MADANI Economy Framework by fostering the growth of SMEs. By offering dedicated retail spaces and opportunities for local vendors, RSAs act as economic enablers, bridging mobility and commerce while fostering prosperity for local communities.

Finally, they serve as inclusive community hubs that promote social cohesion, encourage interaction among the *rakyat* and celebrate local cultures and identities.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch the video on how to use an AED Device.





**500,000**Average weekly visitors



500+
Local business partners



RSA, Overhead Bridge Restaurants (OBRs) and lay-bys



650+
Restaurants and food stalls



**140** Suraus



**191**Public restrooms







# Accessible facilities available for individuals with disabilities (OKU), children and the elderly.

# Our RSAs provide travel comfort for all highway customers









### **Building a Sustainable RSA**



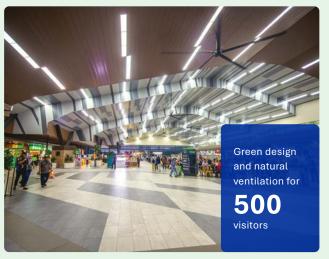
The Seremban RSA Southbound, built in 1994, has long served as a key component of the North-South Expressway, providing millions of travellers with comfort and convenience. Through continuous enhancements, such as expanded amenities and improved accessibility, it has evolved to elevate the overall travel experience.



In 2021, a major rejuvenation project was initiated to transform the RSA into a modern facility that embodies the nation's commitment to sustainable progress. Today, the Seremban Southbound RSA stands as the nation's first sustainable highway rest stop, integrating eco-conscious architecture, energy-efficient systems and green initiatives that reduce environmental impact while enhancing traveller comfort.



The Seremban RSA Southbound embodies the Malaysia MADANI Economy Framework as it is designed for the people. Guided by the principles of "Raising the Ceiling" and "Raising the Floor," it ensures an inclusive and accessible experience for all. From environmentally friendly operations to barrier-free access, every detail has been considered to serve the diverse needs of our highway customers. This reinforces our commitment to environmentally conscious and inclusive infrastructure that promotes the wellbeing of the *rakyat*. As a national milestone, this RSA marks an important step in creating public spaces that are sustainable, inclusive and welcoming to all. Beyond serving travellers, these spaces also aim to provide lasting value to the surrounding communities. They must also create lasting value for the communities that surround them. To achieve this, the rejuvenated Seremban RSA Southbound utilises green design elements such as natural ventilation, daylight harnessing and green landscapes.













Reinforcing its role as a benchmark for inclusive and sustainable infrastructure, the rejuvenated RSA was officially launched by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, alongside YB Dato' Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi, the Minister of Works and YAB Dato Seri Utama Aminuddin Harun, the Chief Minister of Negeri Sembilan in the presence of other dignitaries.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch a highlight video of our Seremban RSA Southbound launch.



















### **Green Technology Features at Seremban RSA Southbound**

1 Solar Panels
6





Sustainable

Materials









6
Water-
Efficient
Equipment



7 8
Sustainability Waste
Exhibition Composting



9 Fabric Recycling Bins







### **Highlights of Sustainability Features**















In making shared spaces inclusive, it is imperative for us to support the communities living along our fence line. We believe that meaningful community engagement must go beyond sponsorships and one-off activities. MyPLUS Community Day represents a strategic shift in how we connect with our fence line communities by moving from transactional efforts to purpose-driven, on-the-ground impact. This initiative embodies our commitment to being truly present in the communities we serve. Warga MyPLUS including senior leadership, actively participate at all sites, leading with presence, collaboration and purpose.

Anchored in the theme of "Safe and Sustainable", MyPLUS Community Day is held simultaneously nationwide at 26 locations in 2023 and 25 locations in 2024. These initiatives bring together Warga MyPLUS, including members of our senior leadership, who demonstrate the spirit of *turun padang* by dedicating their time and energy to uplift our fence line communities. We also include participation of students from institutions of higher learning located nearby, fostering a spirit of volunteerism and civic responsibility among the next generation. This creates a ripple effect of positive social contribution while embodying the intrinsic Malaysian spirit.

The reach of our Community Day is broad, encompassing care centres, schools and community forests, sites carefully selected to maximise the effectiveness and impact of our social responsibility efforts. Schools, for example, are prioritised to provide future leaders with a safe and conducive learning environment. Community forests, on the other hand, offer opportunities to raise awareness about environmental conservation and support the long-term sustainability of the nation. The activities focus on our two (2) pillars of safety and sustainability, with the intention of creating tangible, positive impact while raising awareness of best practices and proven innovations that reflect PLUS' corporate values.

Our Community Day initiatives serves as a platform to impart our proven safety and sustainability practices into the heart of the communities we serve. By replicating our innovations at the grassroots level, we aim to create long-lasting benefits that go beyond physical upgrades. For example, the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems helps our fence line communities access reliable lighting through harnessing renewable energy while significantly reducing their electricity costs, thereby easing financial burdens. Similarly, the introduction of rainwater

harvesting systems supports water conservation efforts, especially during dry periods by providing an alternative, sustainable water source. We also emphasise environmental education through providing waste segregation bins and e-waste collection points at schools, embedding circular economy principles at an early age. Additionally, infrastructure upgrades such as improved signage and street lighting contribute to safer journeys for all. We bring our best Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) practices to the community level, promoting greater awareness and a shared culture of safety that reflects PLUS' long-standing commitment to responsible and sustainable development.

To support the nation's 100 Million Tree Planting Campaign, we planted 517 trees in 2024. During Community Day, we also collected 11,447.7 kg of waste and repurposed 1,216 metres of milling waste for road upgrades, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable development and responsible resource use.







Below are some highlights from our MyPLUS Community Day:

- ✓ SK Seri Machap, Simpang Renggam

  Refurbishment of classrooms and canteens by introducing recycling corners and road safety-themed murals.

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- ✓ At the Vehicular Box Culvert (VBC) at KM69.2, solar-powered LED lighting and directional signage were installed to enhance road safety. Conducted with Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, this initiative benefited 1,247 individuals and was supported by the Chairman of the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA), Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of PLUS.
- Masjid Al Syakirin, Taman Puchong Utama In collaboration with UiTM Shah Alam, we improved signage, upgraded sanitation facilities and installed energy-efficient lighting, benefitting over 1,000 worshippers at the community mosque.

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In partnership with Management and Science University, we repaired and upgraded classrooms, drains, field, court refurbishments and landscaping. The YB Minister of Works, together with YBhg. Secretary General of Ministry of Works (MoW) and YBhg. Director General of MHA, alongside PLUS leadership participated in this.

**▼** SK Meru, Klang

With support from **Kolej Komuniti Klang**, we conducted electrical and flooring repairs, installed flood protection measures, introduced energy-saving LED lighting and led an **e-waste recycling campaign**, benefitting **2,020 individuals**.

### Institutions That Volunteered With Us

























### **Key Impact Highlights of Our Sustainability and Community Initiatives**



42,179 community members in total



**16 Schools** impacting 12,450 students and teachers



22 Community Locations and 4 Care Centres impacting 18,229 local community members



3 Community
Forest & Attractions
impacting 7,500
hikers & visitors

**6 Recreational Spots** impacting
4,000 weekly
visitors



**2,550**Total Volunteers from PLUS and education institutions

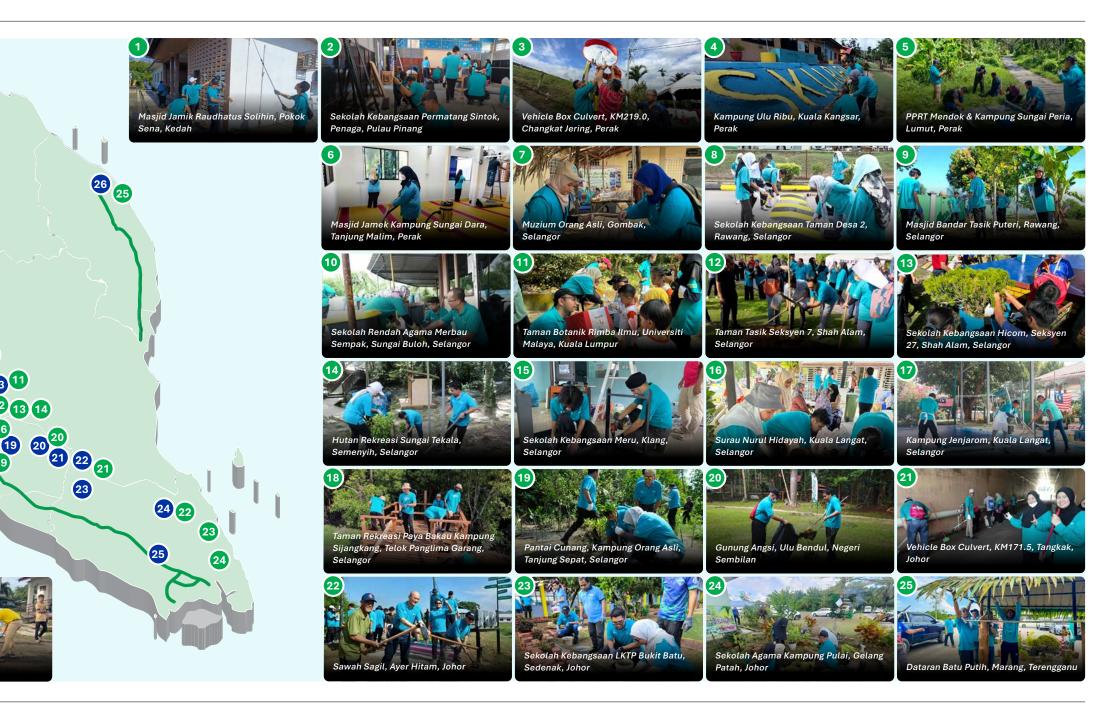














#### **Driving Sustainability Advocacy Through Strategic Government Engagement**

Sustained work with communities has reshaped how we think about leadership — not as a statement, but as something proven through practice and recognised through outcomes. As the nation's largest highway operator, we recognise our pivotal role in advancing Malaysia's sustainable development agenda. Guided by our commitment to good governance, we strive to operate responsibly by balancing environmental stewardship with social responsibility. Through strategic collaboration and innovation, we work hand-in-hand with government agencies to support economic advancement and long-term national resilience in areas of infrastructure enhancements, highway management and community empowerment. Our proactive engagements and advocacy efforts serve as a testament to our unwavering dedication to Malaysia's sustainable development goals.













#### **Leading Thought Leadership in the Highway Industry**

We are proud to be recognised as leaders within the highway industry, which enables us to champion cross-sector collaborations, drive research and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and technology. Our leadership influences the development of national and international road transport infrastructure agendas through participation in key industry platforms and policy-making forums, proudly flying the national flag and showcasing Malaysia's progress in the highway sector.

#### **Managing Director Memberships**

- Fellow of Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT), United Kingdom
- Board member of Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)
- Board member of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)
- Special Evaluation Panel, Integrity and Governance Award (AIGA)

#### **Chief Operating Officer Memberships**

- President of the Malaysian Highway Concessionaires Association (PSKLM)
- Chairman of Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation Malaysian Branch (CIHTMB)
- Council member of the Road Engineering Association of Malaysia (REAM)
- Council Member of the Intelligent Transport System Association of Malaysia (ITSM)











#### **Strengthening Collaboration and Supporting Government Initiatives**

We work in close partnership with government agencies to support the national sustainability agenda. As a recognised partner of the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN), we have been appointed as a trainer for the Corporate Directors' Leadership and Integrity (CDLI) course on Sustainability and Corporate Governance, supporting the upskilling of leaders across sectors.

Our Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer plays a key role as a working group member in the development of Malaysia's National Planetary Health Policy, spearheaded by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM). Additionally, our Chief Commercial Officer contributes to the National Electric Vehicle (EV) Task Force—advancing Malaysia's EV ecosystem from policy to implementation.







#### Advancing Sustainability Through Advocacy at International and National Level

We actively engage in national and global climate platforms to advocate for resilient and sustainable road transport infrastructure. At the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, we contributed to critical dialogues on enhancing highway sustainability and climate resilience, particularly through our presence at the Malaysia Pavilion. This reflects our dedication to future-proofing the highway network, one (1) of Malaysia's most vital infrastructure assets.

Our participation in the Asia Pacific Climate Week, organised by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Johor, further reinforces our commitment to regional collaboration, where we proudly represented Malaysia's voice in shaping forward-thinking climate solutions.







Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u>
to learn more about our
sustainability efforts shared by our
Chief Strategy and Sustainability
Officer on the BFM89.9 podcast.



#### **Sharing Highway Industry Best Practices Through Benchmarking**

We serve as a trusted reference point in the highway industry, where we pioneer integrating technology into operations and preserving asset value through best-in-class maintenance. By regularly hosting local and international delegations, we promote knowledge exchange, strategic collaboration and operational excellence. These engagements foster a culture of continuous improvement and help raise the bar for infrastructure standards.













Our inaugural Leadership Engagement & Trust Survey among key government stakeholders achieved a satisfaction score of 89%, indicating our strong collaboration efforts.

# Fostering Future-Ready Talent Through Academic and Professional Partnerships

As part of our commitment to nurturing future leaders, we collaborate with universities, academic institutions and professional institutions to share insights on sustainable highway operations and inspire the next generation. Through structured learning engagements and sustainability-focused programmes, we equip them with essential skills needed to address emerging global challenges. In doing so, we are actively shaping future-ready talent that is prepared to support the nation's infrastructure and sustainability goals.







# Our Environmental Stewardship

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#### These SDGs are relevant to our environmental stewardship











#### **PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0 (2023 - 2030)**

Under the first PLUS Green Roadmap (2018–2022), we tracked 43 initiatives, successfully completing 41 with two (2) still ongoing. Building on this progress, PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0 was introduced to sustain our green momentum and guide our long-term journey toward Net Zero emissions.

PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0 aims to increase the visibility of our environmental aspirations, which include reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, deploying more renewable energy, leveraging green technologies and practices as well as embedding a green mindset into our operations.

#### **Relevant Material Sustainability Matters**







Circular Economy



Climate Impact Adaptation

#### **Guiding Principles**



Governance and Management System



Technology Adoption, Nature-Based Solutions and Green Practices



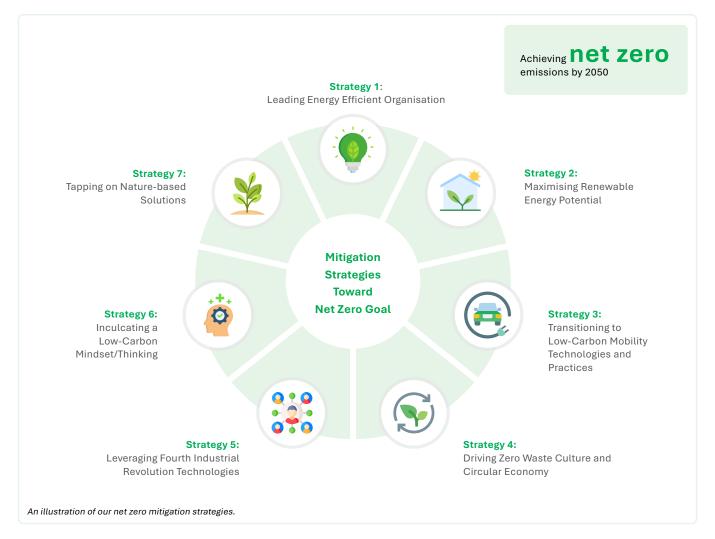
Culture and Capacity Building for Organisation and Value Chain



Global Standards and Recognition

In developing our PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0, we refined our emissions sources and aligned ourselves with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), demonstrating our commitment to reduce our GHG emissions by 35% in 2030 (against a 2017 baseline) and achieve net zero emissions by 2050, in line with national aspirations.

The PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0 highlights seven (7) mitigation strategies to be applied across our ecosystem, providing us with a comprehensive plan to reduce our emissions. Through our collective efforts and continued dedication to these strategies, we are confident in our ability to make a positive impact on the environment and contribute to a sustainable future for all.



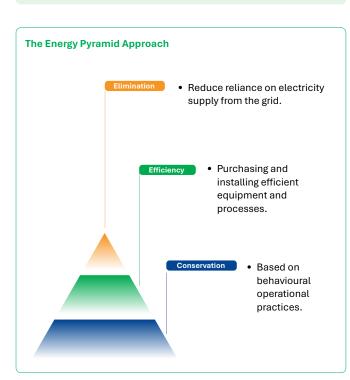


### What Energy Management & Emissions Reduction Means to Us

The management of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction and energy in our operations and ecosystem, with a focus on energy efficiency practices, while reducing our reliance on the grid by harnessing renewable energy.

#### **Our Aspirations**

To increase energy efficiency through the adoption of green practices and deployment of green technologies, ultimately reducing GHG emissions generated from our operations and advocating for the provision of green infrastructure along our highways.





#### **Leading Energy Efficient Organisation**

PLUS uses the Energy Pyramid as a framework to evaluate the various ways in which we can optimise energy consumption in our business and operations. The Energy Pyramid has three (3) categories: Conservation, Efficiency and Elimination. We are committed to effective energy management and continued compliance with relevant laws and regulations, with the goal of becoming a leader in energy efficiency within the industry while supporting national environmental conservation efforts.

#### **Energy Management Standards We Adhere To**

- MS 1525: 2019 Energy Efficiency and Use of Renewable Energy for Non-residential Buildings
- ISO 50001: 2001 Energy Management Systems
- ISO 14001: 2015 Environmental Management Systems

We are in the final phase of retrofitting LED street lighting across our highway network. Building on this progress, we will soon commence the replacement of conventional lighting with LED solutions in the indoor areas of our Rest and Service Areas (RSAs) and lay-bys.

In 2023 and 2024, we retrofitted an additional 5,280 LED lights under Phase 4 across the Central Region and selected locations along our highways, including toll plazas, interchanges, lay-bys and section offices. These upgrades have contributed to reduced electricity consumption and supported our emissions reduction goals. By December 2024, we had successfully retrofitted over 37,000 LED lights.

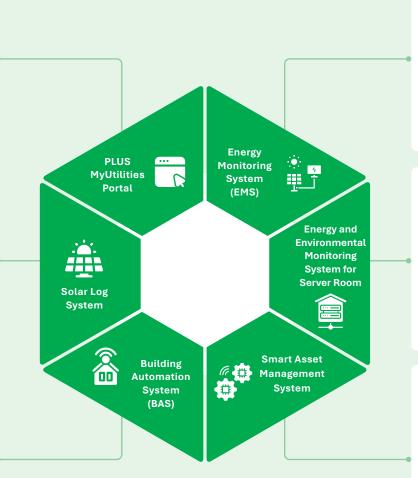
As part of our continued commitment to sustainable energy management, motion-sensor lighting has been installed at selected indoor and outdoor areas of the rejuvenated Seremban RSA Southbound.

We adopted a number of technology systems and applications to help monitor, manage and reduce our energy consumption.

The intranet portal serves as a central hub for monitoring, documenting and analysing monthly utility consumption and expenses. Through the portal, we can gather data on electricity and water usage and pinpoint reasons for any fluctuations in usage. In 2021, we launched the improved PLUS MyUtilities Portal 2.0, which offers a more intuitive user experience and includes automation for identifying and tracking variations in utility usage. Any discrepancies are automatically flagged to the appropriate business unit, allowing us to take steps to minimise electricity costs and avoid unnecessary waste.

The system was installed to monitor daily Solar PV generation at the Persada PLUS building, enabling the production of daily, monthly and yearly performance reports to facilitate the monitoring of Solar PV performance and efficiency.

Our Persada PLUS building is equipped with a Building Automation System (BAS) that enables efficient energy control and automatic monitoring of the building's electrical and mechanical systems. This system optimises energy use by controlling the operations of the air-conditioning, lighting, and fire safety systems.



The Energy Monitoring System is connected to the Digital Power Meter located at each Energy Accounting Centre (EAC). The system displays electricity consumption trends for each EAC through TV monitors in the lobby of Persada PLUS, raising awareness among building occupants on energy consumption. It also enables our Facilities Management team and building maintenance contractors to make necessary rectifications and prevent any potential energy wastage.

The main server room at the Persada PLUS building allows remote monitoring of equipment and critical parameters to alert Warga MyPLUS of any potential unwanted events. This system includes several features such as energy monitoring, temperature sensors, a water leak detection system and a high-sensitivity smoke detection system. The system enables our technical team to monitor electricity consumption, prevent energy wastage and ensure the smooth operation of the main server for PLUS' toll equipment system.

Our appointed building maintenance contractor for Persada PLUS uses a Smart Asset Management System that leverages Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity to optimise assets and enhance workplace performance. This has enabled us to implement digital maintenance work processes, a centralised command and contact centre and customised customer portal. Our operations team can also perform scheduled work more effectively with easy access to historical information about the asset while performance is monitored and reported on a real-time basis.



#### **Maximising Renewable Energy Potential**

#### Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Rooftop Installation

As of December 2024, we have completed the installation of a total of 12 solar PV systems at our Persada PLUS headquarters, Rest and Service Areas (RSAs) and Overhead Bridge Restaurants (OBRs), with plans for further expansion to additional sites.



#### Solarised Streetlighting



In July 2023, we launched a pilot project aimed at addressing the ongoing issue of malfunctioning street lighting caused by cable vandalism along the Putrajaya Link. As part of this initiative, we installed 148 solar-powered lanterns across 81 light poles along the stretch from KM4.6 to KM7.1, fully adhering to the design guidelines established by the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA).

This project not only tackles the challenge of vandalism but also contributes to improved highway safety by providing consistent, reliable illumination for all highway customers.

#### Solar Panel System at Covered Carpark (Solar Carport)



As part of our ongoing commitment to reduce dependence on the grid and expand the integration of renewable energy into our operations, we are planning to construct solar panel-covered car parks at strategically selected locations. This initiative is designed to optimise the use of available space with shaded parking while generating clean, renewable energy to power our facilities and reduce overall energy consumption.

The project will be guided by a comprehensive feasibility assessment to determine the most suitable sites based on factors such as energy consumption patterns, available land and overall site conditions.

#### Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV)



assessing the feasibility implementing ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at selected locations within our network. This includes a detailed evaluation of energy consumption patterns, available land area and site suitability to ensure optimal performance and cost-effectiveness.

The initiative reflects our commitment to advancing renewable energy adoption and reducing our carbon footprint as part of a broader strategy to support national decarbonisation goals and strengthen energy resilience across our operations.



37,000+ LED lights (indoor & outdoor) retrofitted since

2018



12 Facilities have installed solar PV systems since 2018



81 solar-powered light poles installed



Cumulative energy savings of over

113 million kWh

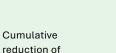
from LED retrofitting



savings of over

10 million kWh

from solar PV systems



86,443 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq from LED retrofiting Cumulative reduction of

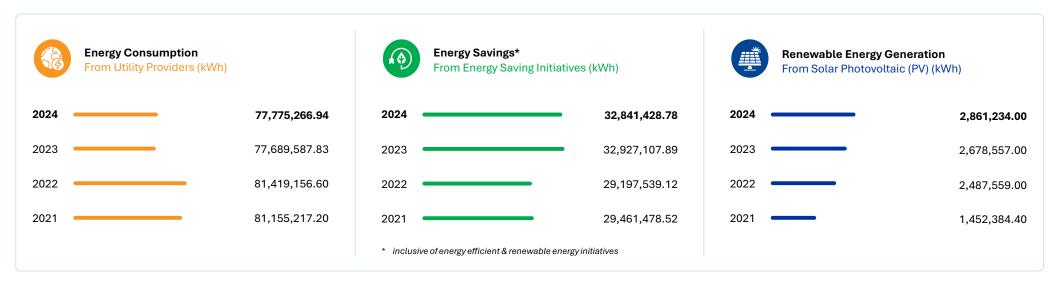
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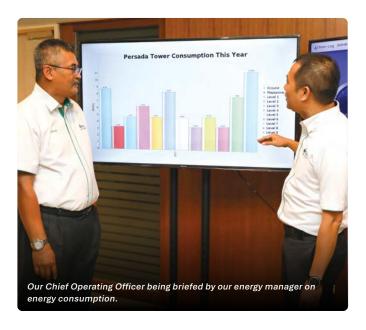




#### **Our Progress So far**

We have achieved the following progress in energy management throughout our operations:











#### **Net Zero Building**

Our efforts in efficient energy consumption have been recognised through various awards and accolades. In 2023, we won the Energy Efficient Building Award in the Zero Energy Building category at the ASEAN Energy Efficiency and Conservation Best Practices Awards 2023 for Dengkil RSA Northbound.

#### Malaysia Green Highway Index (MyGHI)

MyGHI is a highway performance baseline assessment developed by the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA) in collaboration with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) that evaluates the sustainability of highway operations, covering design and construction activities, energy efficiency, environmental and water management, material and technology, as well as social and safety.

From 2016 to 2020, 19 sections were evaluated in the first assessment while 14 sections were reassessed from 2021 to 2024 and received various platinum, gold and silver ratings.

#### 2023 Platinum Rating

✓ Section C5: Sg. Besi - Seremban

✓ Section S4: Machap - Skudai

#### 2024 Platinum Rating

✓ Section C1: Simpang Pulai - Bidor

✓ Section C3: Tg. Malim - Sg. Buloh

✓ Section S1: Seremban - Simpang Ampat

Scan this QR code or click here to learn more about LED utilisation across our highways.



#### **Energy Consciousness Campaign**

The campaign aimed to increase awareness among Warga MyPLUS to be more energy conscious at the office and at home.



Selamat Menyambut

External communication on the Earth

Hour campaign.



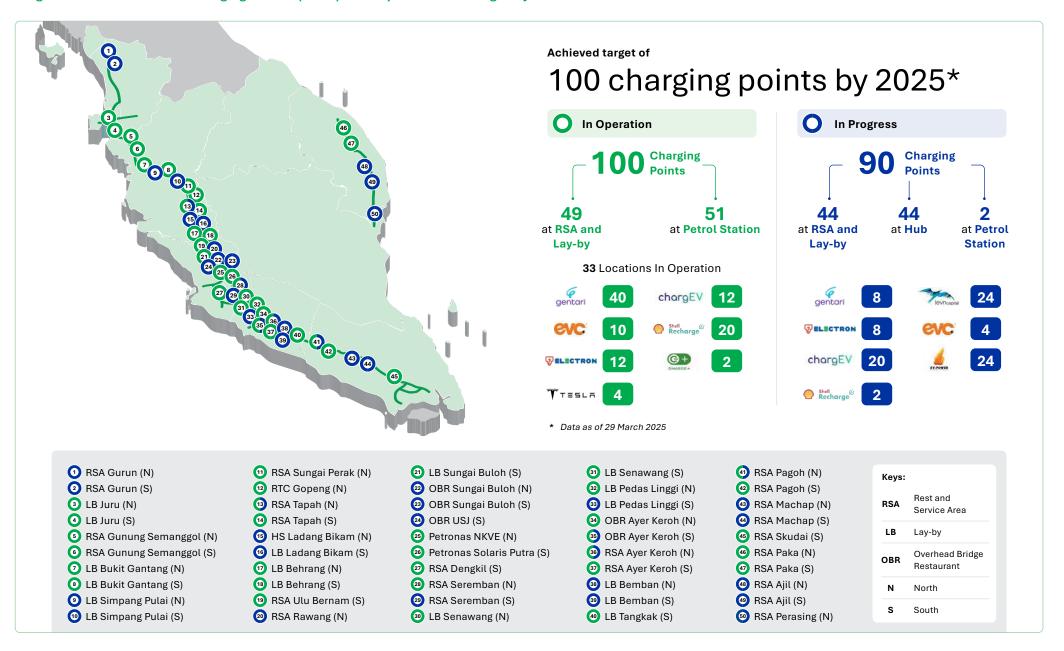








#### Progress of Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Development on Our Highway



#### **Transitioning to Low-Carbon Mobility**

PLUS is working to encourage highway customers to embrace green mobility by expanding the Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) network nationwide. This aligns with the Low Carbon Mobility Blueprint 2021–2030 (LCMB), the Green Technology Master Plan Malaysia 2017–2030 (GTMP) and the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR). We support these national goals by building infrastructure that enables EV adoption in Malaysia.

We are also a permanent member of the National Level Inter-Ministry Electric Vehicle Task Force formed by the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI). This task force serves as a platform to discuss strategies for developing Malaysia's EV ecosystem. PLUS plays a key role by providing thought leadership on EV infrastructure along highways nationwide.

Our EVCS Roadmap (2022–2025) outlines targets and action plans to increase the installation of Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) stations. It is a proactive approach to roadside development that aims to place charging stations strategically, considering factors such as location, energy demand, land availability and distance between stations. These efforts are carried out in collaboration with reputable Charge Point Operators (CPOs).

We achieved our target of installing 100 charging points a year ahead of the 2025 timeline, reflecting our commitment to supporting the low carbon mobility agenda. Building on this momentum, we are accelerating efforts to reach over 350 cumulative charging points by 2028.

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to learn more about
EVCS along our highways.



#### **Pioneering Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**

We introduced Malaysia's first modular EVCS with BESS at the Behrang Lay-by Northbound with the capacity to charge an EV within 30 minutes. To date, we have installed four (4) modular chargers powered by BESS and solar panels at the following locations:

- ✓ Behrang lay-by Northbound
- ✓ Behrang lay-by Southbound
- ✓ Senawang lay-by Northbound
- ✓ Senawang lay-by Southbound





#### **Unlocking Synergistic Collaborations**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between PLUS and Yinson GreenTech to upgrade 10 existing Alternating Current (AC) charge points to Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) at five (5) RSA locations and develop an EV Charging Hub at Seremban RSA Southbound (16,350 kW charge points) with 13,000 sqft retail Food and Beverage (F&B) spaces.

An MoU was also signed between PLUS and PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad to develop Hybrid Super Stations on our highways that aims to offer comprehensive services, including large-scale petrol, diesel stations and EV DCFC. In addition, it will feature more comfortable public amenities, retail services and dining areas.





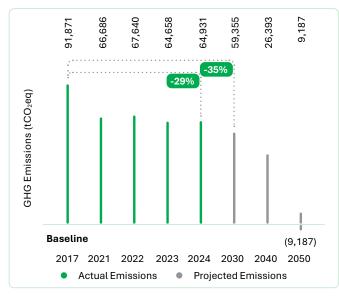
Former YBhg. Secretary General of MoW, former YBhg. Deputy Secretary General (Policy and Development) of MoW and our Chairman witnessing the MoU signing between our Managing Director and the Managing Director and CEO of PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad.



#### Scope 1 and Scope 2 Emissions Reduction Plan

In order to reach our goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050, we have been actively tracking and reporting our GHG emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2). Our energy efficiency measures in PLUS Green Roadmap have resulted in a reduction of 29.3% in December 2024 against our 2017 baseline.

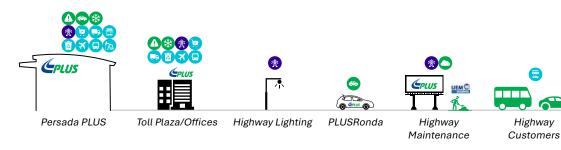
The road ahead calls for stronger climate action. We have set a target to reduce our Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 35% from our 2017 baseline by 2030, on course toward Net Zero by 2050.



Our actual and projected emissions from 2017 to 2050.

The ability to compute carbon emissions is fundamental in efforts to achieve carbon neutrality. Hence, Warga MyPLUS attended a series of training sessions organised by Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC) and the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA) to enhance our internal capabilities, equipping us with the knowledge and skills to calculate emissions according to the principles and approaches outlined in the GHG Protocol.

#### **GHG Emissions Sources within Our Operations & Value Chain**



An illustration of our Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions sources.

#### Scope 2

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### Purchased Electricity Electricity purchased from the

Persada PLUS

grid at:

- Mainline (streetlighting/ high mast lighting)
- Common areas (RSAs/lay-bys/ OBRs)
- Buildings (toll plazas, region and section offices)

Rest and Service Areas

(RSAs), Overhead

**Bridge Restaurants** 

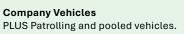
(OBR) and lay-bys

#### Scope 1



#### **Company Facilities**

Diesel generators at Persada PLUS RSAs/lay-bys/OBRs region and section offices/toll plazas.





#### $SF_6$

vehicles.

**Fugitive Emissions** 

Fugitive emissions from fire

extinguishers/refrigeration/air

conditioning from PLUS buildings/

Leakage in sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>, from switchgear for the substations).

#### Scope 3



#### C1: Purchased Goods & Services

Cradle-to-gate emissions from production of products/services purchased by PLUS.



#### C2: Capital Goods

Cradle-to-gate emissions from production of purchased capital goods by PLUS.



#### C3: Fuel/Energy Related Activities

Embodied emissions of fuel used (Scope 1) and electricity purchased (Scope 2).



#### C4: Upstream Transportation & Distribution

Transportation and distribution of products purchased by PLUS (using vehicles not owned by PLUS).



#### C5: Waste Generated in Operations

Waste generated at Persada PLUS highways, RSAs, lay-bys, OBRs, toll plazas and offices.



#### C6: Business Travel

Transportation of employees for businessrelated activities in vehicles owned or operated by third parties.



#### C7: Employee Commuting

Transportation (cars, motorcycles, public transport) of employees between their homes and worksites.



#### C13: Downstream Leased Assets

Electricity purchased from business partners at RSAs/OBRs/lay-bys.

We are currently engaging with our suppliers and business partners in assessing our Scope 3 emissions within our value chain by gathering emissions data sources relevant to our business and operations, in strict adherence to the methodology endorsed by the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol.

#### **What Circular Economy Means to Us**

The adoption of circular economy practices in our operations by minimising waste and resource consumption through managing waste, wastewater and water in compliance with regulatory standards, while prioritising the use of recycled, non-hazardous and renewable materials in operations.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Reduce waste generated from operations, maintenance and repair works, refrain from using non-environmentally friendly materials and intensify our recycling efforts as well as adopt sustainable materials throughout our business and operations.

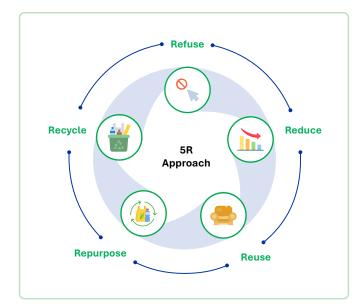
#### **Adherence to Environmental Laws and Regulations**

With a physical presence across eight (8) states in Peninsular Malaysia, we recognise the potential to manage waste, wastewater and water more effectively. Our waste management practices comply with all relevant laws and regulations governing waste and sewage treatment.

Our waste management contractors are required to adhere to the updated conditions set out in the Environmental Quality Act 1974, as amended in July 2024. This includes ensuring that all domestic waste is disposed of at sites permitted by the Department of Environment (DOE) Malaysia. Additionally, we have also enhanced our monitoring and reporting processes to meet the stricter regulations introduced by the amendment, ensuring full compliance and environmental responsibility. Waste management at PLUS also adheres to the ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System (EMS) requirements.

#### **Embracing the Circular Economy**

We embrace circular economy principles to reduce the use of materials, conserve resources and transform waste into new materials and products. This is embedded in how we rethink resource consumption and disposal across our value chain. The following 5R approach illustrates the methods we have adopted to keep products in circulation before they end up in landfills.





#### Refuse

The first step in managing waste is to minimise the use of resources and avoid excessive material consumption.

We supported this by placing posters and infographics at various locations across our premises to inculcate sustainable waste management practices among Warga MyPLUS and our highway customers.

For Warga MyPLUS, we encourage cultivating sustainable habits in their daily work routine that contribute to a positive impact on the organisation by:



Connecting sustainability to **personal values**. For example, recycling contributes to the creation of a less polluted world for future generations.



Encouraging **positive gestures**. For example, switching off the lights when a room is not in use to conserve energy.



Encouraging **innovative solutions** as part of KPI. For example, using sustainable materials to improve structural durability, thereby reducing long-term maintenance expenses.



#### Reduce

To promote resource-friendly practices, we aim to reduce our waste generation through various programmes. This includes:



Using biodegradable foodware and paper straws in takeaways at our Rest Service Areas (RSAs) to reduce the amount of landfill waste and pollution.



Bringing reusable food containers and cutleries when purchasing food and drinks at the cafeteria to reduce the use of single-use plastic.



Bringing one's own bottle to meetings.



Printing documents only if required and using both sides of the paper.

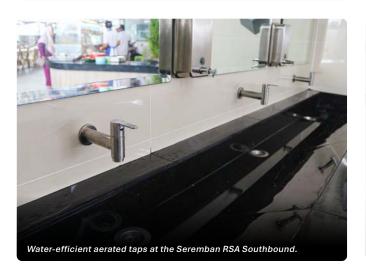


#### **Water Efficient Appliances**

As part of our ongoing efforts to conserve water and promote responsible resource management, we have installed water-efficient appliances at our rejuvenated Seremban R&R Southbound as well as at 60 other locations across our highway network. These installations form part of our wider toilet upgrading initiative, aimed at enhancing highway customer experience while improving environmental performance.

By incorporating water-efficient technologies, we are significantly reducing water consumption across our facilities without compromising functionality or hygiene standards.

# Total Volume of Water Consumption (m³) 4,654,103.13 4,759,134.71



#### **Rainwater Harvesting System**

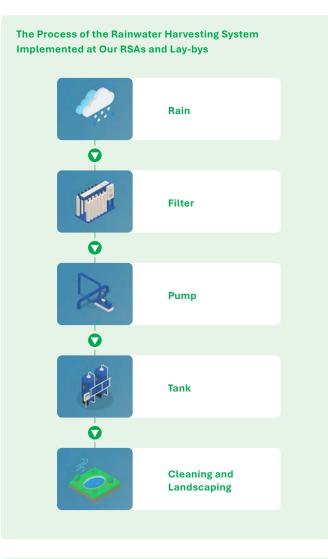
Our adoption of rainwater harvesting as an alternative water source for daily usage reduces our reliance on natural and treated water. Since 2012, we have implemented rainwater harvesting at the Persada PLUS building, RSAs and lay-bys.

Harvested rainwater at the Persada PLUS building is used in chillers for our air-conditioning system, while at selected RSAs and lay-bys, the collected supply is utilised for cleaning and landscaping.

Currently, we have 29 rainwater harvesting systems at 21 locations within our operations, with an annual water savings of over  $3,500 \text{ m}^3$ .

Our next step is to introduce additional rainwater harvesting systems and expand their use for flush systems and irrigation, further reducing our reliance on treated water.





Scan this QR code or click here to learn more about our rainwater harvesting system.





#### **Reuse**

At our offices, we refurbish and repair lightly used furniture to ensure they are kept in good shape and retain their functionality, extending their lifespan. We conduct regular stock takes of our stationery inventory to ensure we optimise the procurement of our office resources and materials.



#### Repurpose

When it comes to waste that is not reusable, we leverage innovative solutions to repurpose them into objects or materials with alternative uses. For example, several of our business partners at our Rest Service Areas (RSAs) have started selling used cooking oil to companies that transform and redeploy it into soap bars or biodiesel.



#### Recycle

We are committed to institutionalising strong awareness towards recycling and driving behavioural shifts among our highway customers, business partners and Warga MyPLUS.

Recycling is embedded within our operations and maintenance, whereby recyclable items such as paper, cardboard boxes, plastics, bottles and cans are collected by recycling contractors for processing.

Accordingly, we have initiated the procurement of new 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle) bins which will be placed at our RSAs, Overhead Bridge Restaurants (OBRs) and lay-bys while conducting campaigns to promote recycling among highway customers.

#### Bring Your Own (BYO) Campaign

In our commitment to nurture a culture of sustainability, we incentivise and promote environmentally conscious behaviour at the workplace.

Warga MyPLUS who bring their own reusable containers and tumblers to our office cafeteria and convenience store are rewarded.



#### **Earth Day Campaign**

In 2024, we organised a Ramadan Lestari Campaign to educate Warga MyPLUS and our highway customers on environmentally friendly practices that can be done during Ramadan. This is to ensure that we take this golden opportunity to reflect and practise moderation while doing good deeds to fulfil our responsibilities to protect the environment.

As part of the campaign, we created reminder posters to encourage the adoption of environmentally friendly practices, both at the office and at home. Additionally, we organised a video submission competition for Warga MyPLUS, inviting them to showcase their sustainable habits. The campaign received 17 creative video submissions, highlighting various practices such as using reusable containers, recycling waste, planting greenery in the office and adopting methods to reduce food waste.









#### **Food Waste Composting Workshop**

We teamed up with MAEKO, a home-grown food waste specialist and MEREKA, a local training provider, to educate over 196 Warga MyPLUS on ways to convert household food waste into nutrient-rich compost to be used as fertilisers at home as well as to create a "Seed Bomb" made from recycled paper as an organic planter that decomposes naturally.







#### **Urban Farming Workshop**

We partnered with Eats, Shoots & Roots, a social enterprise dedicated to establishing green environments in urban spaces, to conduct workshops centered around urban farming. Participants learned techniques required to grow their own food in urban environments and were able to bring back potted plants with a basic gardening guide for them to practice at home.







#### **Plastic Upcycling Workshop**

We collaborated with Fab Space KL to organise upcycling workshops to equip Warga MyPLUS with practical knowledge to institutionalise circular economy principles in their daily lives. These workshops facilitated Warga MyPLUS in their sustainability learning journey through creative ways, which include transforming used plastic and fabrics into bucket hats.







Our upcycling workshops saved an estimated

490 plastic bags

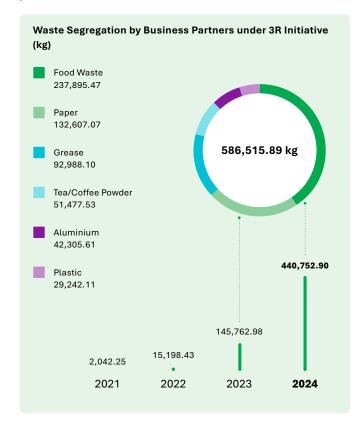
from ending up in landfills, equivalent to approximately

700 kg

of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided.

#### **PLUS Green 5S Programme**

We consistently advocate for waste segregation among our business partners and vendors by providing waste segregation bins and requiring them to install grease traps at their premises.





First highway operator in Malaysia to adopt the SIRIM Green 5S Standard by SIRIM Academy.



38 RSAs, lay-bys and **OBRs** achieved the SIRIM Green 5S Certification from SIRIM Academy.



We are proud to be the first highway operator in Malaysia to adopt the SIRIM Green 5S Standard (structure, systematic, sanitise, standardise and self-discipline) by SIRIM Academy and develop a programme to shape the behaviour of our business partners.

As of 2024, a total of 38 RSAs, lay-bys and OBRs have successfully achieved Green 5S Certification. Each certified location undergoes an annual recertification audit, conducted by SIRIM Academy, to ensure continuous compliance and adherence to the programme's rigorous standards.

To promote transparency, we have published the Green 5S Policy and relevant guidelines in a designated area called the "Galeri 5S Hijau", providing clear information and fostering Green 5S awareness among our business partners and highway customers.

We have also introduced a web-based mobile application called PLUS 5S Pro that systematically tracks recycling activities among our business partners at RSAs, lay-bys and OBRs.

> Scan this QR code or click here to learn more about our "Clean-as-you-go" campaign at RSAs.



#### **Fabric Recycling Campaign**

Through 2023 and 2024, we partnered with Kloth Malaysia, who pioneered the nation's fabric recycling movement, to introduce two (2) fabric recycling bins within our Persada PLUS headquarters and at Seremban RSA Southbound to encourage Warga MyPLUS and the public to donate their used fabrics and textiles. This was a catalyst in raising the awareness of fabric wastage and promoting a positive lifestyle change through fabric recycling.

We also invited representatives from Kloth Malaysia to host fun workshops to teach Warga MyPLUS to upcycle their old t-shirts into a coaster or basket. This has helped them to learn to declutter their fabric waste and put their unused t-shirts to better use.



Diverted over

2,767 kg of fabric waste from the landfill as of 31 December 2024.





#### E-waste Recycling Campaign

In September 2024, we introduced an e-waste recycling campaign to educate Warga MyPLUS and our highway customers on the environmental impact of e-waste and how to dispose of e-waste in the proper way.

We collaborated with Blue Bee Technologies Sdn Bhd also known as ERTH, to collect and dispose of all e-waste collected by Warga MyPLUS at our Persada PLUS headquarters, Region as well as Section offices. The initiative led to the successful collection of 595 kg of e-waste during the one (1)-week campaign period.

**595** kg of e-waste collected in **1-week** campaign period.

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# **Biodegradable Food Ware Packaging at Rest and Service Areas (RSAs)**

We are beginning to implement the use of biodegradable packaging or materials for food ware and striving to reduce single-use plastics at our RSAs. This is a journey that we have embarked on with our business partners and vendors. In doing so, we aim to encourage our Business Partners to embrace using eco-friendly consumables, thus promoting sustainability while aligning to national aspirations.

The shift to biodegradable food packaging addresses the growing issue of non-degradable waste, which often ends up in landfills or pollutes natural ecosystems. By adopting biodegradable materials, it offers a safer dining experience and aligns with the values of our environmentally conscious customers.

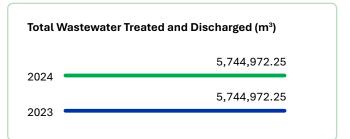




#### **Discharge of Treated Sewage**

We manage Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to treat our wastewater, with monthly effluent samplings tested at laboratories accredited by the Department of Standards Malaysia to ensure we meet the minimum standards for effluent discharge.

As of 2024, we maintained 231 STPs along our highway network to enhance wastewater treatment quality and ensure compliance with the Environmental Quality Act 1974 standards.



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about our E-waste Recycling Campaign.



#### Sustainable Materials

We are committed to promoting circular economy principles within our business and operations, particularly through the responsible management and consumption of materials, waste and water. Our highway pavements, spanning approximately 1,121km, are a critical asset. We continuously innovate our methodologies, processes and materials to reduce our environmental impact without compromising on quality and safety. We partner with Edgenta Infrastructure Services, (EIS) Research and Development (R&D) centre to conduct initiatives.

#### Median Concrete ECO Barrier

We collaborated with CIMA and UEM Edgenta to initiate a proof-of-concept (POC) for a median concrete ECO barrier—an innovative, precast solution made from fibre-reinforced green concrete with recycled materials, along the NKVE highway between Jalan Duta and Bukit Lanjan (KM23.6 until KM25.9). The barrier meets Test Level 5 (TL-5) of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) standards.

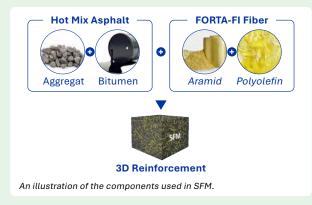
#### Benefits include:

- Reduction in emissions using green concrete
- Reduction in crossbound accident and fatality cases
- Enhanced lifespan for median barrier
- Reduction in maintenance requirements



#### Super Fibre Mix (SFM)

SFM is a type of Hot Mix Asphalt that utilises FORTA-FI® fibres with high tensile strength to produce enhanced asphalt mixes. A proof of concept (POC) conducted on the NSE highway at KM272.0 demonstrated that using SFM significantly enhanced pavement durability and contributed to reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. As of November 2023, we have adopted SFM more broadly, achieving improved productivity while lowering resource consumption and maintenance costs.





#### Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP)

#### Cold-in-Plant (CIP) Recycled Asphalt

We completed the proof of concept (POC) for CIP recycled asphalt that utilises 100% RAP at our N4 section in December 2022. Following 12 months of monitoring, the CIP has demonstrated excellent performance in the Indirect Tensile Strength (ITS) test, meeting Public Works Department (PWD) standards and showed comparable strength and flexibility to conventional asphaltic concrete binder course.

#### Hot-in-Plant (HIP) Recycled Asphalt

We have completed the POC of using HIP recycled asphalt, which utilises 30% RAP in both the Binder Course (BC) and Wearing Course (WC) layers in our C3 section in August 2022. Following 12 months of monitoring, HIP showed improved rutting and water resistance with higher durability than conventional asphaltic concrete binder course. We have extended the use of HIP recycled asphalt to sections C1 and C2.

The use of RAP materials would enable us to further reduce GHG emissions and waste produced during maintenance work, while increasing the durability of our pavements.



Benefits:

- Reduce GHG emissions
  Optimise maintenance work
- ✓ Prolong pavement lifecycle





#### **What Climate Impact Adaptation Means to Us**

The integration of climate change-related considerations into our strategic and operational decision-making focuses on implementing proactive measures to mitigate the impact of climate change on our operations. This includes assessing vulnerabilities to extreme weather events, such as floods and enhancing resilience through targeted actions to reduce risks and disruptions.

#### **Our Aspirations**

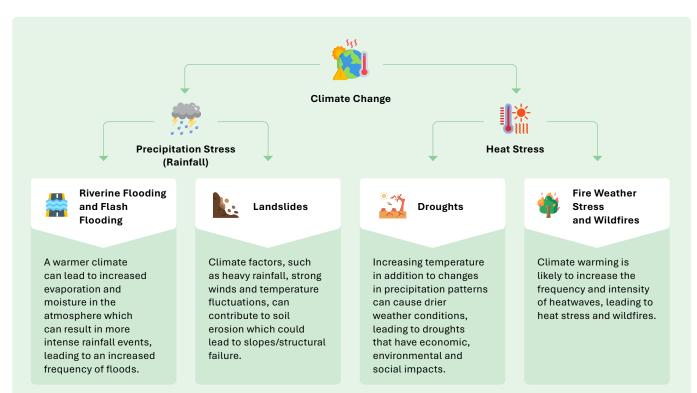
Incorporate sustainability in strategic and operational decisions and implement actions to measure and minimise the impacts of climate change on our operations.

PLUS is committed to further strengthening environmental stewardship by embedding green practices and a sustainability mindset into strategic and operational decision-making. This is especially pertinent, considering the vulnerabilities of our business and operations to climate change.

#### **Climate Risk Assessment (CRA)**

We have undertaken a comprehensive CRA to ascertain the impact of climate change on our operations and assess the impact of our operations on the climate in an effort to strengthen our climate impact adaptation. This process includes leveraging on historical data and the using a future predictive modelling tool to identify key risks and hazards, supported by mitigation action plans.

#### **Exposure to Climate Events in Malaysia**





#### **PLUS' Crisis and Emergency Response to Flood Incidents**

PLUS has successfully designed and executed a comprehensive Flood Preparedness Plan, encompassing preventive, detective and corrective measures to ensure the safety and security of our highway customers, vulnerable communities and Warga MyPLUS during crises and emergencies.



#### **Preventive**

- 1 Identified hotspots/high-risk areas for all regions and performed regular inspections and routine maintenance on the following:
  - Pavements 6,320km
  - Bridges 710
  - Slopes 8,346
  - Drains and culverts 6.036
- 2 Initiated flood wall extensions at locations with high vulnerabilities
- 3 Ensured the readiness of equipment for rescue efforts which includes:
  - Rescue boats, pool vehicles
  - Safety equipment and accessories, i.e. safety cones, blinkers, etc
- 4 Ensured the readiness of personnel for rescue efforts which includes training for boat handling, first-aiders and others





#### **Detective**

- Monitor flood situations via:
  - 2,985 CCTV cameras
  - · Flood markers and rain gauge stations
  - Al-powered Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)
  - · Visual inspections by PLUSRonda
- 2 Real-Time Slope Monitoring System (RTMS 2.0) introduced to track rainfall data and slope failure
- Capture information using Southeast Asia's biggest Traffic Monitoring Centre (TMC)
- 4 Relay GPS signals to 500+ patrolmen
- 6 Monitor news and water levels via MetMalaysia and the "Public Infobanjir" website





#### Corrective

- Activate War Room, Emergency Response Plans (ERPs) and Response Teams (mainline, R&R, lay-by, tunnel)
- Collaborate with authorities (i.e. PDRM, BOMBA, ambulance)
- 3 On-the-ground rescue efforts, temporary shelters, identified crisis and holding centre that can be used to:
  - Activate alternative route plan (by region) and to perform continuous monitoring at the affected areas
  - Perform immediate cleaning and desilting works (by EIS) after the flood subsides
- 4 Initiate communication with internal and highway customers via VMS, PUTRI Virtual Assistant and social media channels on flood situations and alternative routes





#### **Climate Risk Assessment Process**

The following is the approach undertaken in carrying out the Climate Risk Assessment:



Geospatial Study



Hazard Identification



Historical Record Analysis



Future Projection



On-site Inspection



Mitigation Strategies Development

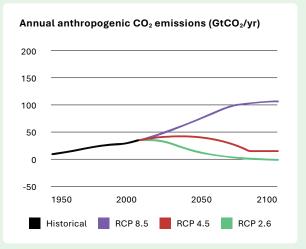
- A comprehensive geospatial study was conducted to create a detailed map of PLUS' road network. This study included information about the rights of way, elevation data and GPS coordinates in relation to various assets and facilities.
- A thorough hazard assessment was conducted to identify the potential threats and risks in specific geographical areas. This encompassed a rigorous evaluation of the impact and the probability of events such as floods, sea level increases, droughts and landslides.
- This is followed by an in-depth analysis of historical records and trends of climate-related catastrophes. This includes a desktop study of past climatic events, their impacts and the evolving patterns of extreme weather occurrences over an extended period.
- ▼ Future projections were performed by aligning our analysis with the Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) combined with the application of a Munich RE Location Risk Intelligence Climate Tool. We applied a RCP4.5 scenario for predictive modelling.
- On-site inspections were conducted by technical experts to assess the local geographical environment, asset conditions and surrounding developments as well as identify the effectiveness of control measures in place.
- Recommend mitigation strategies as well as specific actions and technical solutions based on practices that have been successfully applied locally and internationally.

#### **Climate Tool and Modelling Approach**

#### Munich RE Location Risk Intelligence Climate Tool



- World's leading databases for natural disasters and hazard modelling.
- Able to assess a single asset or multiple assets within a portfolio located in areas prone to critical climate risks.

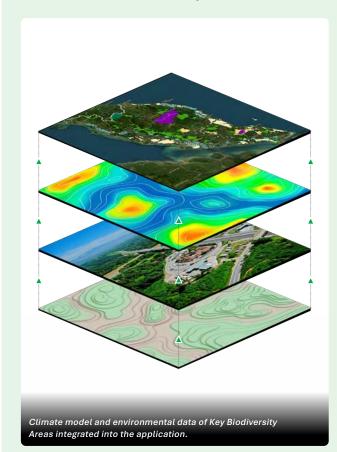




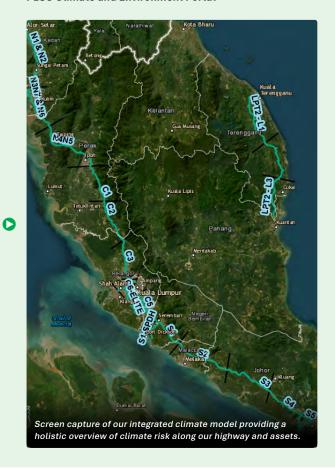
#### **Our Integrated Climate Model**

We integrated our climate model with our geospatial application to enhance our climate risk assessment. Our geospatial maps of assets and facilities were layered with climate risk and environmental information, including key biodiversity areas. This integration provides a comprehensive overview of asset vulnerabilities, enabling proactive risk mitigation and data-driven decision-making to strengthen climate resilience.

#### Climate Model and Environment Layer



#### **PLUS Climate and Environment Portal**



#### **Key Outcomes of Climate Risk Assessment**

Our comprehensive and holistic approach towards ensuring climate resilience of our nation's highway infrastructure has enabled us to strengthen our capabilities in the following areas:



Systematic and comprehensive mapping and geotagging of all our assets and infrastructures, including bridges, slopes, tunnels, culverts, RSAs, lay-bys and OBRs, toll plazas, interchanges and office buildings.



Identification of high-risk locations (by KM) with concentrated development over the last 30 years, positioning us as a partner among the local authorities and developers to strengthen adaptation strategies.



Robust assessment of the health of our infrastructure to support informed decision-making for maintaining optimal conditions through upgrades and maintenance.



Transfer of knowledge among specialists on the technicality of climate risks, strengthening in-house expertise on climate action to enable CRA to be replicated across the organisation and advocated across the industry.



Assessment of existing mitigation plans and effectiveness of controls to create a conducive highway ecosystem for the safety and wellbeing of all highway customers.



#### **Leveraging on Nature-based Solutions**

We have plants with high carbon-sequestration potential as part of our landscaping along the highways, accelerating carbon offset and removal efforts. We plan to further leverage on these nature-based solutions to maximise the carbon removal potential throughout our business and operations.





Reduces soil erosion



Acts as a windbreak



Caters to regional wildlife habitats



High oxygen production capacity



High carbon dioxide capture capacity

Scan this QR code or click here
to learn more about the
implementation of nature-based
solutions along our highways.



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u>
to learn more about our
ecotourism campaign.



#### Wildlife Crossings

During the early period of the construction of our highways, several locations alongside forests were identified as wildlife crossings. One (1) such location is the mountain ridge located above the Meru-Menora Tunnel.



#### **Debris Flow Net and Rockfall Barrier**

Debris flow nets have been installed along key slopes on our highways to help keep highway customers and infrastructure safe from natural hazards like fast-moving debris flow. They are specially designed to absorb the force of debris flows coming from outside PLUS's area and prevent any material from reaching the mainline and damaging PLUS's assets.

Rockfall barrier systems are designed to catch disintegrating and falling rocks, preventing safety hazards for highway customers while protecting our infrastructure and avoiding traffic disruptions. These rockfall barriers are engineered to withstand high-energy impacts of up to 5,000 kilojoules (kJ)—strong enough to stop a 25-tonne boulder traveling at speeds of up to 20 meters per second.





Debris Flow Nets at 3 Locations:

- 3 in Jelapang
- 2 in Gunung Chante
- 1 in Bukit Maokil



Rockfall Barriers at 2 Locations:

- 2 at KM258.17 Southbound
- 2 in Bukit Lanjan



#### Forest Conservation Campaign 2024

As part of our awareness efforts, a Forest Conservation and Environmental Awareness programme was held in July 2024. During the programme, we hosted an exciting exhibition featuring various organisations that are making a positive impact on the environment.

#### We featured:

- Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), showcasing their research on tropical forestry
- ✓ Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN), highlighting their efforts in wildlife conservation
- Eats, Shoots & Roots, a social enterprise focused on urban farming
- ✓ Little Eden Succulents, a women-led group raising awareness
  of the healing properties of plants
- Global Environment Centre (GEC) and Pertubuhan Sahabat Gambut Asli Temuan (SGAT), promoting their preservation of nature-based arts and crafts

The highlight of the programme was an engaging talk and discussion between FRIM's Forest Biodiversity division and Warga MyPLUS. They raised awareness of wildlife conservation and the importance of protecting Malaysia's biodiversity as well as explored exciting opportunities for collaboration moving forward.



#### **Plant Adoption Contest - Persada PLUS**

In conjunction with Environment Day, we organised a Plant Adoption (*Pokok Angkat*) contest involving all business functions at Persada PLUS. The contest aimed to foster a culture of caring for the environment by encouraging individuals and teams to take responsibility for living plants and understand their ecological benefits such as improving air quality. The adopted plants were measured after 100 days and those showing the best growth (increased diameter and height) across five (5) business functions were chosen as the winners.



Internal communications on the Plant Adoption Campaign.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about our World Environment Day 2024 celebration.



# Our Commitment To Society

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#### These SDGs are relevant to our commitment to society









At PLUS, we have fostered a strong sense of community, driven by our highway footprint across Peninsular Malaysia which has made us a part of Malaysians' daily lives. Within our operations, we are also proud to support Warga MyPLUS in achieving career progression and ensuring their wellbeing.

Our social initiatives are centred on three (3) primary focus areas aimed at delivering positive value to all Warga MyPLUS and communities.

#### **Relevant Material Sustainability Matters**

#### **Our Operations and Technology**



Road Safety



Traffic Congestion Management



Operational & Maintenance Excellence



Digitalisation & Innovation

#### Our Workplace



Workforce safety & Wellbeing



Agile Workforce

#### **Our Community**



Bumiputera Empowerment



Fence Line Community
Development









#### **Our Operations and Technology**

We are committed towards ensuring that our highways and services have the potential to deliver social value by enabling safe, comfortable and efficient journeys through the embedding of technology and innovation.

#### **What Road Safety Means to Us**

The management of infrastructures and services that meet the safety standards of the industry.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Provide safe and reliable roads by incorporating the 5E approach, i.e. Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Emergency Response and Evaluation to protect highway customers from potential road hazards.

We view safety as our top priority and strive to ensure the safety of our 1.86 million daily highway customers.



Average daily traffic:

1.86 million

Our focus on safety extends to Warga MyPLUS, business partners and fence line communities along our highways and is anchored to our 5E road safety framework, ensuring safety for all through Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Emergency Response and Evaluation.



**Engineering** 

Education



Emergency Response



**Evaluation** 



**Enforcement** 

Under the direction of our Chief Operating Officer, we expanded our traditional 3E approach of Engineering, Education and Enforcement to 5E, aligning our business and operations with the Malaysia Road Safety Plan 2022-2030 (MRSP 2022-2030). The plan seeks to drive road safety initiatives at all levels of society, supporting the national aspiration to achieve 50% reduction in road accident fatality by 2030. Expanding to 5E reflects a broader, more holistic approach to address the growing complexity of road safety issues that involves infrastructure, customers behaviour and trends, vehicle safety and outcome of intervention.





#### Engineering

#### **Enhancement of Highway Infrastructures**

Our infrastructure comprises various types of assets and facilities along our highways, serving as the main touchpoints for highway customers.

We collaborate with the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA) to perform upgrading and maintenance work on several black spot areas identified along our highways as part of our efforts to prevent accidents and casualties among our highway customers. These upgrades include the installation of new rumble strips, reduced speed advisory signs and flashing lights on existing chevron signs at accident-prone areas.

Our team of experts conduct regular Road Safety Audits to identify areas of concern and ensure our roads meet the highest standards of safety.



#### **Highway Assistance (PLUSRonda & LPT2Ronda)**

We acknowledge the importance of ensuring highway customers feel safe and secure on their travels. Our PLUSRonda and LPT2Ronda teams are equipped with Auxiliary Police (AP) competencies and are hence empowered to oversee traffic management on our highways, especially in the event of an accident. Our PLUSRonda and LPT2Ronda teams are always ready to assist highway customers in times of need, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with a wide range of capabilities that include:



Traffic Regulation



Emergency Response Coordination





On-site Minor Vehicle Repair



#### Safety Vehicles (SVs)

Leveraging on our partnership with Edgenta Infrastructure Services (EIS) and taking inspiration from the Formula 1 safety car concept, we were the first highway operator in Malaysia to introduce SVs to regulate traffic speed and assist emergency response crews in clearing hazards on our highways. Our SVs are equipped with sufficient safety features to alert highway customers of their presence, get into formation and enable planned or emergency work to be conducted in an isolated and safe environment on our highways. In 2024, we deployed our SVs for more than 34,000 tasks on our highways. We are modernising our SVs by introducing Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMA) to reduce damage to structures and vehicles in the event of a collision and ensure that our workers and highway customers are fully protected. We have equipped our TMAs with large Portable Variable Message Sign (PVMS) displays, enabling drivers to detect the presence of TMA vehicles from a greater distance.





We successfully deployed Safety Vehicles for more than

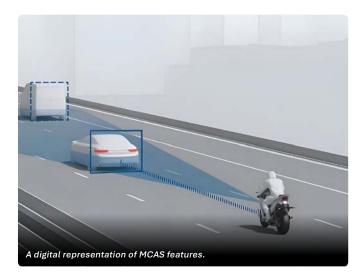
34,000

tasks on our highways in 2024.

# **Enhancing the Safety of Motorcyclists via Motorcycle Collision Alert System (MCAS)**

We are committed to addressing the significant rise in rear-end collisions involving motorcycles by promoting road safety and sustainable transportation solutions. To help motorcyclists increase their situational awareness, we collaborated with the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS) to create the MCAS. Through light-emitting and audio signaling devices, this revolutionary and innovative system provides motorcyclists with visual and auditory alerts of an impending hazard or risk of collision within their forward travel path, enabling enhanced collision avoidance action.

Our successful collaboration with MIROS during the installation phase of this project earned us the "Technology, Equipment & Manufacturing" award at the 2023 International Road Federation (IRF) Global Road Achievement Awards (GRAA).







#### **Engineering**

#### **Motorcycle Shelter**

As of 31 December 2024, we have provided 233 motorcycle shelters across our highways, including 34 standalone shelters and 199 under-bridge shelters at key locations, enhancing the safety of motorcyclists who are more susceptible to weather changes and accidents.

In August 2023, we were honored to host YB Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi, the Minister of Works and YBhg. Dato' Ir. Sazali Harun, the Director General of the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA), at one (1) of our motorcycle shelters.



233

motorcycle shelters across our highway, which include:

34 standalone shelters

199 under-bridge shelters

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about safety tips when motorcycle riding in the rain.









#### Al Defect Detection System (AIRADAR)

We proactively address the impact of extreme weather to our pavement by implementing a monitoring system designed to enhance highway safety and comfort for customers. This system, equipped with AI-based dashcams in PLUSRonda vehicles, was first installed in one (1) patrolling vehicle and tested on our mainline.

It automatically detects pavement defects such as surface cracks and potholes in real-time, with cloud-based data processing. This technology allows us to leverage the extensive patrolling of PLUSRonda and LPT2Ronda, enabling us to quickly identify and resurface damaged areas, ensuring a safer and more reliable journey for our highway customers.

#### **PLUSRonda Intelligent Management (PRIME)**

Our PRIME System is a built-in mobile application installed in all our patrolling vehicles to replace manual logging of incidents. PRIME enables swift monitoring and real-time notification of all activities undertaken by PLUSRonda directly to the Traffic Monitoring Centre (TMC). As a result, this saves incident processing time, allowing PLUSRonda to arrive and attend to highway customers more swiftly, especially during critical situations.

The integration of PRIME with Malaysian Highway Road Accident Analysis and Database System (MHRoads) is used by the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA) to analyse accident patterns and enhance real-time reporting capabilities.



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about our helpline and PLUSRonda assistance.



#### **Advocacy Through Community-Based Programme (CBP)**

We recognise that fostering a strong culture of road safety is essential, not only for our highway customers but also for the broader community. We have adopted a proactive and collaborative approach to safety improvement, forging strategic partnerships with key public, private and social organisations. Our CBP, themed "Safer Tomorrow Starting Today," is a flagship collaborative initiative with the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA), Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Fire and Rescue Department (BOMBA), Road Transport Department (JPJ) and the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS).

Through the CBP, we engage participants from schools, higher education institutions and organisations to raise awareness and strengthen road safety. Our programme content is adapted to ensure relevance and resonance, targeting the younger generation with messaging to foster early and lasting understanding. Hence, we incorporate quizzes, videos and showcases of our safety vehicles. Each engagement is localised to address specific safety challenges unique to the community, such as safe commuting for motorcycles and heavy vehicles.

#### 2023



18 programmes



3,468 total beneficiaries

#### 2024



**23** programmes



4,386 total beneficiaries











#### Heavy Vehicle Safety and Technology Conference (HEVTEC) 2024



Since 2021, PLUS has been organising HEVTEC as a key platform to engage our PLUSTrack members and the broader heavy vehicle community. Initially held at the headquarters level, the event was expanded to the regional level in 2023, reaching the Central, Southern, Northern and LPT2 regions and increasing its impact and accessibility.

#### **Conference on Asia Road Safety (CARS)**





In 2024, we strengthened our commitment to road safety and sustainable mobility by integrating HEVTEC with the prestigious Conference on Asia Road Safety (CARS), organised by the Social Security Organisation (PERKESO) and the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS). This strategic collaboration marks a significant step forward in realising our vision of becoming a "Sustainable, Smart Highway and Beyond". The three (3) day CARS 2024 conference, held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), brought together approximately 1,000 policymakers, experts, researchers, practitioners, law enforcement officers and stakeholders from across Asia and beyond. The event served as a vital platform to exchange knowledge, discuss pressing issues and explore innovative solutions in the areas of road safety and sustainable mobility.



# 150 Pax Attended the conference 66 attended the conference 3 Main Topics Operational Excellence for Safer Roads; Impact of Overloaded Vehicles; and Highway Incidents Effects 9 Panelists for three (3) forum sessions consist of PLUS, JPJ, PDRM, MIROS, PULSE, PERKESO and Konsortium PD Sdn Bhd 94.2% satisfaction rate

Northern Region	
<b>68</b> Pax	attended the conference
32 Companies	attended the conference
2 Main Topics	Highway Incident Management; and Heavy Load, Safe Roads
6 Panelists	for two (2) forum sessions consist of PLUS, BOMBA, MIROS, APAD and Road Safety Expert Association
91.7%	satisfaction rate



CARS 2024 aims to foster international dialogue and collaboration by uniting public and private sector representatives, scientists and academicians with a shared interest in advancing the future of road safety. The participation of distinguished speakers underscored the significance of the event. They include the Director of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the Director-General of MIROS, the Group Chief Executive Officer of PERKESO, the President of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) and the President of the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC).

Our Managing Director was invited to deliver a plenary address on the topic "Towards Safe, Sustainable and Smart Highways," highlighting our forward-looking approach and unwavering dedication to innovation, safety and environmental responsibility in highway operations.

#### **Safety Information for the Public**

We leverage on our outreach on social media platforms to disseminate safety information and tips to raise awareness of best practices in safeguarding road safety. These channels are crucial for engaging and communicating with our stakeholders, keeping them informed about our initiatives to ensure their safety and convenience during their journeys.





#### Safety Programmes for Commercial & Heavy Vehicles

We developed the PLUSTrack programme to enhance safety for our fleet operator drivers, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to handle heavy vehicles safely. In collaboration with the Malaysia Peninsula Logistics Entrepreneur Association (PULSE), we organised the *Jiwa Merdeka* programme in August 2024 at the C6 Section Office, Seafield, to raise safety awareness among truck drivers and promote the benefits of the PLUSTrack programme.









#### **Enforcement**

#### **Collaborations with Authorities**

We recognise the importance of close collaboration with key enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of our highway customers. Over the years, we donated vehicles to both Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) and Road Transport Department of Malaysia (JPJ) for patrolling on our highways and set up several field stations to coordinate and support their enforcement activities.

In partnership with JPJ, we established the first Highway Enforcement Unit or Unit Penguatkuasa Lebuhraya (UPLR) in Malaysia. Similarly, our collaboration with PDRM saw the setting up of the Highway Investigation Units or *Unit Siasatan* Lebuhraya (USLR) at selected Rest and Service Areas (RSAs) and toll plazas. The USLRs enable highway customers to lodge police reports along our highways instead of having to find a police station at the nearest exit.

Further to this, we continuously provide full support to the impactful operations organised by the PDRM and JPJ, such as Ops Rempit, Ops Bersepadu, Ops Emergency Lane, Ops Lejang and Ops Halangan. We have established a collaborative arrangement with JPJ to monitor our performance in maintaining safety across our highways. In 2023 and 2024, we successfully conducted 707 operations.







We collaborate closely with the following agencies and authorities to maintain a safe highway ecosystem for all Malaysians:



Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA)



Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM)



Road Transport Department of Malaysia (JPJ)



National Institute of Occupational Health & Safety (NIOSH)



Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia (BOMBA)



Malaysian Road Safety Department (JKJR)



Malaysian Highway



Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT)

Concessionaires Association (PSKLM)



Malaysia Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS)





#### **Emergency Response**

To further strengthen our collective ability to respond to crises and emergencies, we deploy Desktop Walkthroughs and Live Emergency Simulation Exercises. These exercises are conducted in collaboration with key agencies, including MHA, PDRM, Bomba and the Department of Environment (DOE) as well as through Government-to-Government (G2G) collaboration.

In 2023 and 2024, a series of Live Emergency Simulation Exercises were conducted to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities. In July 2023, a chemical spillage simulation exercise was carried out at the Malaysia-Singapore Second Crossing (LINKEDUA), focusing on managing hazardous material incidents. The following July 2024, an exercise was conducted at the Seremban-Port Dickson Highway (SPDH), to focus on managing collisions between large vehicles (oil tanker and passenger bus) resulting in oil spills and multiple injured passengers. These exercises were integral to strengthening collaboration among stakeholders and ensuring readiness for potential emergencies.











#### **Evaluation**

Continuous evaluation is essential to strengthening our 5E road safety framework by analysing traffic patterns, incident data and infrastructure performance to identify risks and enhance safety measures. This proactive approach enables us to implement targeted improvements, refine policies and adopt innovative solutions, ensuring a safer highway network for all highway customers. We partner with various agencies, including National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), to conduct audits and continuously identify areas of improvement.







#### **What Traffic Congestion Management Means to Us**

The implementation of measures to reduce traffic congestion and manage peak traffic periods.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Proactively manage traffic to optimise Level of Service (LOS) and reduce incidental, seasonal and periodical congestion at targeted locations.

Our nation's growing population and increased economic activities have contributed to a surge in vehicles on the road, resulting in an average daily traffic of 1.86 million vehicles across our highways. To ensure a seamless, safe and comfortable experience for all our highway customers, we have adopted innovative and data-driven traffic management measures to reduce congestion. In addition to complying with the Concession Agreement obligations, we are guided by the Ministry of Works (MOW), the Malaysia Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Blueprint and Malaysian Highway Authority's (MHA) Guidelines on Traffic Management Planning.



#### **Traffic Management Centre (TMC)**

Our TMC plays a vital role as the traffic management hub for our highways, receiving over 1,000 customer calls daily. It monitors the safety and wellbeing of our highway customers 24 hours a day and hosts the call centre for our customer care line.

Powered by a network of 197 high-resolution CCTV cameras along our highways, this technology feeds our TMC with real-time video recordings of on-the-ground situations, which enables efficient traffic management, swift deployment of personnel and prompt notifications to the authorities. The operations at our TMC is supported by a smart video wall, which acts as our "eyes on the highway" and is able to display open-source social feeds and software applications, thereby facilitating timely and accurate dissemination of information to our highway customers.

Our TMC integrates advanced systems, including the PUTRI Virtual Assistant, SOS for OKU, PLUSRonda Intelligent Management System and the Suicide Attempt Alert System (SAS) along the Penang Bridge, to ensure that we are always prepared to assist highway customers, particularly during times of distress.



#### Variable Message Sign (VMS)

We have 90 VMS along our highways, enabling our highway customers to be informed of important information and to plan their journey more efficiently. Our VMS shares include real-time information on incidents, roadworks, traffic conditions and alternative routes as well as timely safety reminders.





90 VMS along our highways.



TMC receives over

1,000 customer calls per day.



#### **Smartlane Automation**

We introduced the Smartlane initiative that involves the temporary conversion of emergency lanes into additional driving lanes during high-traffic hours. As at 30 April 2025, a total of 28 Smartlanes have been activated along key stretches of our network. These are operational on weekdays during peak hours and are occasionally extended during festive seasons to manage increased traffic. To ensure safe and efficient usage, we actively communicate Smartlane activation via Variable Message Signs (VMS) and our social media platforms. PLUSRonda personnel are also deployed along these routes to guide and assist highway customers.

We are leveraging Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technology to further enhance Smartlane deployment. In July 2024, we launched the Automated Smartlane System along the Setia Alam to Shah Alam stretch, which integrates ITS equipment to support congestion reduction, enhance road safety and facilitate real-time traffic monitoring. Complementing this, a heavy vehicle restriction was officially gazetted in October 2024 for strategic corridors along NKVE and ELITE, contributing further to traffic decongestion. Collectively, these efforts have resulted in a travel time reduction of nearly 20% for NKVE highway customers during the morning rush.







Our Smartlane implementation efforts as featured in The Star.

#### **Reversible Lane**

To ease congestion during rush hours at our toll plazas, especially where traffic flow is directionally different, we implemented a reversible lane mechanism. This eases congestion by borrowing available lane capacity from the direction that has less traffic. These adjustments are indicated by our overhead traffic light and signages at toll plazas. This mechanism has been successful at Simpang Pulai, Rawang Selatan, Putra Mahkota, Changkat Jering and Ayer Keroh, where our exit lanes are converted into entry lanes and vice versa, during high traffic volume such as festive seasons and peak traffic hours.

#### **Automatic Vehicle Detection System (AVDS)**

To strengthen our traffic monitoring efforts along the North-South Expressway (NSE), we rolled out 62 AVDS, a radar-based technology for the collection of real-time traffic data to detect queue build-ups and accidents, including the density, speed, length and class of vehicles on the road.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about Smartlanes.



Scan this QR code or click here to learn more about the latest improvements to Smartlanes.





#### **HAWKEYE** for Predictive Traffic Monitoring

HAWKEYE is a predictive traffic monitoring tool, capable of processing real-time data and historical trends to predict traffic patterns by forecasting traffic flow along our highways.

This tool empowers us to strategically plan our operations and implement effective demand management measures, such

as recommending the activation of Smartlanes to alleviate congestion. Once completed, it will enable us to provide highway customers with precise and timely future journey information via the PLUS app, ensuring a smoother and more informed travel experience. HAWKEYE has now been implemented across 20 Closed Toll Plazas within the Klang Valley and across 11 Open Toll Plazas across the PLUS network.

## Communicating Traffic Information to Highway Customers

We utilise digital channels and various social media platforms to communicate traffic information to our highway customers. Real-time updates are disseminated based on the information received from the TMC. Our initiatives include:





Live information updates through our X accounts (i.e. @plustrafik and @lpt2trafik), PUTRI Virtual Assistant and PLUS App.



"Plan Your Journey" feature on the PLUS App shows a live CCTV traffic feed of our highways that helps highway customers to plan their journeys based on traffic conditions.



Travel time advisory through our PUTRI Virtual Assistant, advising highway customers on the estimated journey time from one (1) designated toll plaza to another based on current traffic conditions.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about the "Plan Your Journey" function on our PLUS App.



## What Operational & Maintenance Excellence Means to Us

The delivery of optimal performance through effective management of our resources, processes and systems towards ensuring our assets are kept in good condition and operate at peak efficiency.

#### **Our Aspirations**

The delivery of operational activities (including maintenance programmes) in an efficient and effective manner, through technology utilisation and in adherence to high standards of quality and all relevant regulations.

Through the integration of sustainable practices into our strategic asset and operations management, we are working to strengthen resilience against climate change, enhance asset durability and optimise the whole life cycle cost of our infrastructure. This ultimately delivers improved operational efficiency and reliability.

A key milestone in our operational transformation is the introduction of the Dynamic Scope model for toll plaza management, a first-of-its-kind shift in the last 30 years of operations which enables seamless role substitution. This is followed by restructuring region and section structure to streamline our operations.

This has resulted in enhancing our operational flexibility, optimising manpower deployment to achieve effective and efficient operations, fostering stronger collaboration and maximising the collective expertise of our workforce. This initiative complements our Employee Mobility Programme, which aims to leverage on cross-functional experience and continuous capability development.

We also implement a holistic approach to maintaining our assets. These are conducted thoroughly to ensure the assets are functional and safe. Assets are also inspected with the necessary preventive measures taken to strengthen their integrity and maximise their lifespans.

Our operations and maintenance activities are closely guided by the prescribed standards of the Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA), through which we aim to fulfil our regulatory obligations and set the benchmark for the highway industry in Malaysia. Accordingly, we collaborated with MHA to develop several manuals and guidelines that serve as nationwide reference. The types of maintenance activities conducted for civil, mechanical and electrical assets include:



#### **Routine Maintenance**

Cyclical or periodic works to maintain functionality, safety and aesthetics (i.e., maintenance of drainage, landscaping, road furniture, pumps, toll equipment and buildings).



#### Curative Maintenance

Repair works to address defects and ensure safety, serviceability and structural integrity (i.e., repairs of pavements, bridges, slopes, embankments, tunnels and replacement of power road lighting cable).



#### **Preventive Maintenance**

Planned works to enhance the design life of the asset and facilities (i.e., usage of innovative materials to extend the lifespan of pavement and retrofitting LED streetlights).



## Maximising Maintenance Efficiency Through Innovation

We go above and beyond to innovate our maintenance strategies and execution through collaborations, research and development (R&D) as well as the deployment of technology and machinery to replace traditional manual processes.

#### Real-Time Slope Monitoring (RTMS 2.0)

We enhanced our slope asset management along the NSE through the implementation of RTMS 2.0. The system was designed to effectively monitor slope conditions and critical slope failure triggers. As part of the RTMS 2.0 initiative, we have in place 18 rain-gauge stations that are incorporated with the Early Warning System (EWS), integrating flood monitoring based on river water levels and slope monitoring based on rainfall thresholds.

18 rain-gauge stations

- 17 to monitor slopes based on rainfall thresholds
- 1 to monitor flood based on river level

27,185
slope inspections and
6,082 drainage or culvert inspections along our highways





#### **Building Information Modelling (BIM)**

In alignment with the government's aspirations, we are adopting BIM for our major construction projects, leveraging on its Terrestrial Laser Scanners (TLS) to offer a 3D visualisation perspective. Implementation of BIM could help in identifying clash detections with existing developments, improving life cycle asset management cost, optimising materials, reducing safety hazards for workers and ensuring compliance with standards.





#### **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)**

We improve our maintenance inspection activities by using UAVs, operated by our in-house geomatic professionals.



#### **Improved Safety**

Eliminates the need for Warga MyPLUS to access hazardous areas, thereby reducing the risk of Lost-Time Injury (LTI).



#### **Increased Accessibility**

Enables access to challenging locations by overcoming geographical limitations.



#### **Enhanced Accuracy**

Provides detailed and accurate visual data for inspection using high-definition cameras and imaging sensors.



#### **Timely Emergency Response**

Enables swift deployment during planned and emergency works, achieving 80% reduction in time.



## **Deighton Total Infrastructure Management System** (dTIMS)

dTIMS is an asset management platform that integrates strategic planning, maintenance operations and capital investment decision-making. It is able to accurately forecast deterioration of pavements and develop maintenance and rehabilitation strategies. Through our collaboration with Opus Management Sdn Bhd, we are leveraging on dTIMS to optimise our current and future highway maintenance, focusing on three (3) key objectives, namely:



To analyse maintenance strategies and budget scenarios to determine the most cost-effective approach.



To create a detailed three (3) year work plan based on the identified approach which complies with MHA requirements.

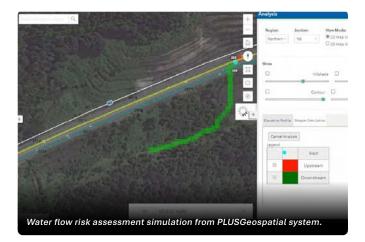


To maintain and prolong pavement quality for the comfort and safety of highway customers.



#### **PLUSGeospatial**

The PLUSGeospatial system enables swifter decision-making through visualisation of various data sources. It includes dynamic maps to track incident management, monitor traffic dispersion and produce simulations for early risk assessment.







#### Preserving Pavement Quality and Ensuring a Safer and More Comfortable Customer Journey

Oversized and overweight vehicles accelerate highway wear and increase accident risks. To address this, we have leveraged on technologies that enable real-time identification of such vehicles. These technologies support enforcement efforts, helping authorities to take appropriate action while preserving pavement quality and ensuring safer highways.

#### Oversized Vehicle Detection (OSVD) System

The OSVD is a cutting-edge technology designed to detect and identify oversized vehicles before they enter the Meru-Menora Tunnel. The system uses laser scanners and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to identify oversized vehicles and send out alerts to multiple parties, including response teams. A visual warning is displayed on the on-site Variable Message Sign (VMS) to notify the oversized vehicle driver to exit or make a U-turn at the designated location.

This proactive measure not only prevents unauthorised entry but also safeguards the tunnel and surrounding roads from potential damage, ensuring their longevity and maintaining a safe and smooth journey for all highway customers.



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Average daily detected overload cases\*

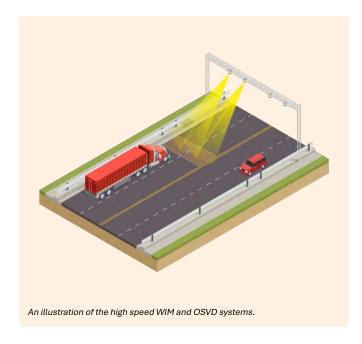
#### Note:

\* Data collected during March 2024

#### High Speed Weigh-In-Motion (WIM)

WIM technology automatically captures and records vehicle weight in real time as they travel over sensors embedded in the highway pavement. Currently, 19 WIM systems have been installed across our highways to support data-driven infrastructure management.

The primary objective of WIM implementation is to collect comprehensive vehicle data, including axle count and weight, to facilitate pavement lifespan monitoring. This data enables engineers to assess pavement conditions, predict wear and tear and schedule timely maintenance, ultimately ensuring a safer, smoother and more comfortable driving experience for highway customers.





#### Steel Fibre-Reinforced Concrete

We have introduced Steel Fibre-Reinforced Concrete for rigid pavement repair work at our RSAs, lay-bys and OBRs, which allows us to reduce the need for traditional reinforcement bars, leading to significant savings in costs and maintenance time.



#### **Pothole Patching Products**

We aim to reduce potholes and adapt innovative and sustainable solutions in maintaining the quality and safety of our highways. Towards this end, we implemented several solutions:

Utilising Carpet Patch across 11 sections, resulting in:



Reduction in pothole recurrences.



Minimised lane closure durations for repairs to less than three (3) hours.



Improved traffic flow and reduced disruptions for highway customers.

Utilising Reinforced Cold Mix Asphalt on pavements as an early intervention action, resulting in:

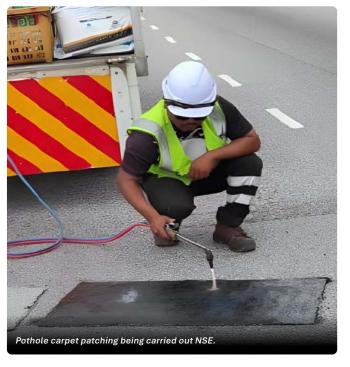


Mitigation of natural resource depletion.



Cold application process ensures higher durability and reduction in emissions.

These improvements reflect our commitment to adopting innovative, efficient and sustainable solutions in maintaining the quality and safety of our highways.



#### **Asphaltic Concrete Innovation Material**

#### **Base Material**



10mm Aggregate Nominal 10mm Nominal size aggregate with uniform gradation to ensure pliability of the mix while controlling the air voids.

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Bitumen Penetration Grade 60/70 60/70 PEN-bitumen is the standard paving grade binder used widely at PLUS.

#### **FORTA-FI Fiber**



Aramid
Physical
Strengthening
Agent

Tensile strength is 2,758 MPa, 6.5 times stronger than steel bar.

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Polyolefin Mixing & Chemical Strengthening Agent Modifies the properties of 60/70 PEN-bitumen to **PG76** equivalent.

#### **Special Chemical Additive**



Improves Workability & Storage Base bitumen is fluxed with lighter fraction oil to make it workable at a lower temperature. Hardening is determined by the volatility of the flux oil.

#### What Digitalisation & Innovation Means to Us

The introduction and application of digital technology in this increasingly digitally reliant environment.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Intensify digitalisation initiatives to increase operational efficiency, with the goal of completely eliminating manual processes and enhancing customer experience.

We strengthened our commitment to integrating innovative and collaborative digital solutions across the organisation, empowering Warga MyPLUS to work efficiently and sustain organisational resilience. By harnessing emerging technologies such as cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and big data, we have driven improvements in work efficiency and enhanced customer experience. Additionally, digital tools have enabled seamless connectivity and engagement among Warga MyPLUS, fostering a more inclusive and agile operational ecosystem.

Guided by our corporate value of Doing Things Better, we prioritise innovation and continuous learning. Over the years, several teams have proudly represented PLUS—and even Malaysia—at the International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC). These conventions provide a platform for our teams to present their ideas, exchange knowledge with global participants and gain valuable insights. Their innovative breakthroughs have also earned internationally recognised accolades, reinforcing our commitment to excellence and progress.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about cashless payment options at RSAs.



#### **Providing Better Customer Experience**

To enhance convenience for customers and support the national drive for digital payments, we have implemented cashless payment options across our Rest and Service Areas (RSAs) and lay-bys. In collaboration with 10 strategic cashless payment providers, we have actively promoted public awareness and adoption of cashless transactions. Customers can now enjoy seamless payments at RSAs and lay-bys along our highways using major e-wallets, debit cards and credit cards.



## Providing Multiple Payment Options for Customer Convenience

We are embracing technologies that provide our highway customers with a seamless experience throughout their journey. The Open Payment System implemented on our highways, allows our customers to use their debit and credit cards to pay for tolls, providing more payment options and enhancing convenience. As of 31 December 2024, 20 lanes provide this option, with the numbers set to increase.

#### **Toll Collection Evolution**

#### Cash Transaction

Toll collections have been carried out via cash since 1981.

#### ▼ Card-based Transactions

Card-based electronic toll collection was introduced in 1997, whereby highway customers stopped at the toll plaza to tap their Touch 'n Go card.

#### Pass-through Transaction with Infrared

On Board Unit (OBU)-based electronic toll collection (SmartTAG) was introduced in 2000, allowing highway customers to pass through toll plazas without stopping their car.

#### Pass-through Transaction with RFID

RFID technology rolled out in stages from 2018 onwards, wherein a unique RFID tag is fitted on each vehicle and connected directly to an e-wallet.

#### Open Payment Systems

Introduced in phases from September 2023 at selected locations, customers simply tap the card on a reader device at toll plazas to make payments.



#### **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)**

In embracing innovation in toll operations, we are introducing systems and applications to increase efficiency and improve customer experience.

ANPR is an intelligent imaging technology that captures and interprets vehicle number plates. High resolution cameras installed at lanes provide video streams that are analysed and processed using Al-driven machine learning algorithm by our ANPR engine located at every toll plaza. This enables identification of vehicles travelling through our toll lanes providing continuous, real-time insight into vehicle movements along our highway.

At PLUS, ANPR is integrated with our Toll Collection System to enhance the reliability of RFID operation. In cases of missing RFID entry information, the ANPR system will seamlessly retrieve the vehicle's entry information using its number plate. This ensures uninterrupted traffic flow at toll plazas, accurate toll fare calculations and secure toll revenue collection, while improving overall customer experience.



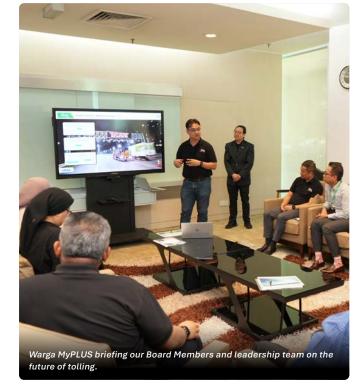
#### Video Analytics-Vehicle Classification (VA-VC)

The integration of video analytics with vehicle classification has significantly improved the efficiency of toll transactions at the entry and exit points of toll plazas.

The VA-VC system leverages the advanced video analytics technology of our ANPR engine to automate the process of identifying vehicle classes at toll lanes. By reducing reliance on manual classification, this system significantly enhances operational efficiency and minimises the potential for human error.

With VA-VC, vehicle classification is performed in real time using AI-driven image analysis, enabling consistent and accurate classification. This automation will allow our Toll Crew to focus on higher-value responsibilities such as customer service, traffic management and rapid incident response, ultimately improving the overall experience for our highway customers.







#### **Automated Highway Asset Defect Detection (AHADD)**

AHADD uses cameras mounted on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and highway patrol vehicles to inspect highway assets such as slopes, bridges and pavements. The AI detects defects such as erosion, spalling and potholes from the captured footage.

UAVs cover large areas quickly, allowing for more frequent inspections, reducing the need for manual checks and improving accuracy while keeping maintenance workers safe by minimising their exposure to dangerous areas.

AHADD can generate precise and actionable insights as part of preventive maintenance measures from the analysis of the images, allowing the maintenance team to improve accuracy and effectiveness of asset management. Overall, this will contribute towards asset preservation while optimising lifecycle maintenance costs.



#### Suicide Attempt Alert System (SAS) at the Penang Bridge

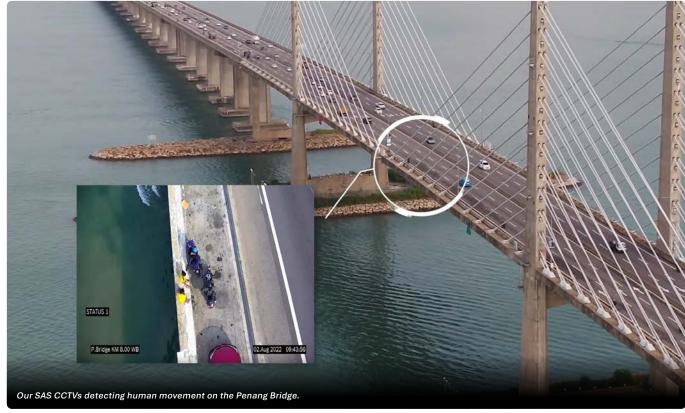
The AI-driven SAS was implemented on the Penang Bridge in May 2023. This system leverages strategically placed AI cameras and machine learning algorithms to analyse real-time video feeds, detecting behaviours indicative of suicide attempts such as climbing railings or prolonged lingering in specific areas.

Upon detection, alerts are sent to the traffic monitoring centre, enabling swift action to prevent incidents. The system is designed for high accuracy, reliability and scalability, with the potential for expansion to other locations.



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suicide attempts prevented at Penang Bridge, with assistance from our Suicide Attempt Alert System (SAS).





#### Our Workplace

Warga MyPLUS, who form the heart of our operations, are instrumental in helping us achieve our business and sustainability objectives. Our material sustainability matters related to our workplace are geared towards providing a conducive working environment allowing Warga MyPLUS to unleash their fullest potential, while also caring for their wellbeing.

#### What Workforce Safety & Wellbeing Means to Us

The provision of a safe, healthy and supportive workplace environment that promotes overall wellbeing and is free from fatalities, injuries and illnesses in compliance with the law and occupational health and safety standards.

#### **Our Aspirations**

We aim to achieve Goal Zero by ensuring full compliance with legal requirements and industry standards, while maintaining a conducive work environment that safeguards the wellbeing of all. Our aspiration is to ensure that every Warga MyPLUS and contractor returns home safely and healthy every day.

We are dedicated to fostering a safe and healthy work environment for Warga MyPLUS. Our journey started with Goal Zero, striving to eliminate preventable fatalities and lost-time injuries. Over time, this commitment has grown into cultivating a positive health and safety culture with shared responsibility across the organisation. Today, our approach embraces a wellbeing-driven culture that prioritises not only safety but also overall wellbeing.

#### The Five (5) Pillars of SayHeart PLUS



Safety



Physical Health



Social





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#### The SayHeart PLUS Journey: From Safety to Wellbeing Culture

Safety		Health		Wellbeing	
2019 Unsafe Act Unsafe Condition (UAUC)	2020 Positive Observation	2021 Culture of Health and Safety	2022 Culture of Health and Safety 2.0	2023 Wellbeing Culture (WBC)	2024 SayHeart PLUS
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Building a culture of intervention for unsafe acts and conditions	Building a positive health and safety culture by recognising compliance with COVID-19 preventive behaviors	Building a comprehensive culture of health and safety	Continuing a culture of health and safety comprehensively	Towards empowering a wellbeing culture	Enhancement of wellbeing culture
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Safety

## Workforce Safety Driven by PLUS' Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) 6C Model

We have developed an in-house 6C Model for HSSE based on international and local best practices. The 6C Model forms the anchor to numerous initiatives that span from top-level management to the frontliners at PLUS.







#### Work Safe

Safety is not a standalone activity



#### **Take Charge**

Safety is led by activity/asset/event owners



#### Tell "Why"

It is essential to address the "Why?"



#### **Show Care**

Empathy is the invisible glue that makes it work



#### **Commitment: Raising Safety Leadership Profile**

#### **HSSE Interlocking Committees**

Interlocking meetings are conducted to provide strategic direction, review HSSE performance and address current challenges or issues via effective two-way communication.

- PLUS HSSE Steering Committee Provides direction for PLUS' safety journey towards Goal Zero.
- PLUS HSSE/ISO Management Committee Monitors compliance with ISO certification and audit requirements.
- PLUS-Edgenta Infrastructure Services (EIS) Operations Steering Committee – Addresses HSSE challenges related to operations and maintenance.
- PLUS HSSE Regional/Sectional Committee Ensures tone from the top is cascaded down while allowing issues to be escalated from the ground up.

#### **ISO Standard for Commuting Safety Management**

ISO 39002:2022 reinforces shared responsibility in promoting safer travel behaviours to minimise the number and severity of injuries resulting from commuting incidents in the company. We are proud to be the first organisation in Malaysia to receive this recognition from NIOSH Certification. This achievement marks the next step in our continuous journey to enhance workplace safety, building on our consistent improvements in Lost Time Injury (LTI) performance over the years.



The **first** organisation in Malaysia to receive the ISO 39002:2022 recognition from NIOSH Certification.





#### Safety

#### **PLUS Safety Day 2024**

Safety Day 2024 was held at Persada PLUS and officiated by the YB Deputy Minister of Works, witnessed by the Director-General of the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), together with our Chairman, Managing Director and distinguished guests, reflecting the strong support from key stakeholders in advancing our safety journey.

The *MyPLUS Selamat* theme underscores our commitment to embedding safety as a priority at our workplace.





#### GLC OSH Network (GLC-OSHNET)

We are a member of The GLC OSHNET which serves as a strategic collaborative platform between the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and Government-Linked Companies (GLCs) to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, experiences and best practices in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and become a key driver of enhanced national OSH standards.

#### Leadership and Commitment - Captain Safety

We are committed to reinforcing a strong safety culture through visible leadership, with our Chief Operating Officer leading as "Captain Safety". He actively shares personal messages to raise awareness and promote a strong culture of safety.



#### KEKAL WASPADA: INSIDEN MELIBATKAN KAKITANGAN CEDERA PARAH

#### 3 Julai 2024

Assalamualaikum dan Salam Sejahtera,

Apa khabar Warga MyPLUS? Saya berharap anda semua dalam keadaan sihat dan sejahtera. Masih ingat pesanan saya yang lalu mengenai keselamatan pada 21 Mac 2024? Anda boleh rujuk kembali nota saya di sini (PERHATIAN — SENTIASA BERWASPADA DAN PERKASAKAN KESELAMATAN (sharepoint.com)). Kali ini, saya ingin sampaikan pesanan tentang kepentingan menjaga keselamatan diri pada setiap masa, iaitu semasa bekerja, pergi dan balik ke tempat kerja.

#### Dua Insiden Lost-Time Injury (LTI) dilaporkan dalam masa terdekat

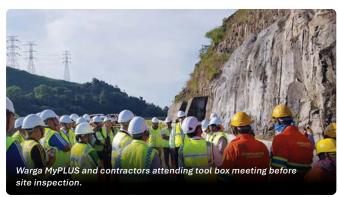
Pada bulan Mac 2024, baru sahaja berlaku insiden kecederaan kekal kepada seorang anggota PLUSRonda. Terkini, terdapat dua (2) insiden melibatkan kakitangan cedera semasa bekerja (Lost-Time Injury, LTI) dan kedua-dua insiden ini melibatkan kakitangan barisan hadapan yang Screen capture of Captain Safety's "Pesanan Prihatin" newsletter.

## **Competence Equipping Workers With Relevant Safety Competency And Skills**

#### **Expressway Operations Safety Passport (EOSP)**

EOSP is a safety awareness course introduced by PLUS in collaboration with NIOSH in 2017. It has played a significant role in reducing incidents along the mainline. The success of EOSP led Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA) to mandate it for all highway companies. We continue to actively support its implementation by participating in the module development and review team, led by MHA and NIOSH.





## Compliance : Adhering to Standards For Key Safety Areas with Assurance Checks

- ✓ ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS) and ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System (EMS).
- Applicable Legal Other Regulations and Requirements (ALORR) Online Evaluation System.
- Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Risk Control (HIRARC) reviews.
- Digitalisation and enhancement of existing Work Permit System (E-PTW) in ensuring full compliance to critical or high-risk activities.
- ✓ Implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2022 as required.
- Engaging with PLUS OSH Coordinators to raise awareness on amendments to the Act.
- Online Incident Reporting System for full compliance on Incident Management.
- Institutionalisation of safety audits annually, with HSSE representatives deployed at our offices across the country.







#### **Culture: Instilling HSSE Accountability**

#### Frontliner's HSSE Culture Development Programme

The Kelab PLUSRonda Selamat (KPS) and Kelab Crew Selamat (KCS) have played a vital role in nurturing a strong safety culture among our frontliners. These clubs utilise a tiered ranking system, from zero (0) to three (3) stars, with three (3) stars being the highest, to recognise and incentivise active participation in HSSE initiatives, fostering consistent engagement and accountability.







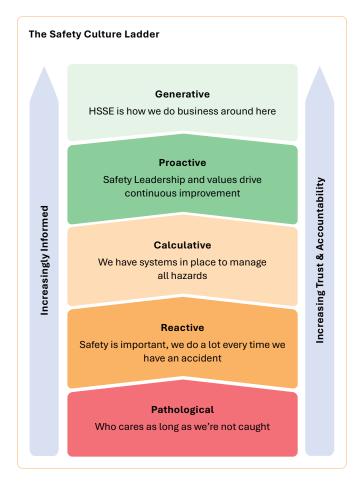




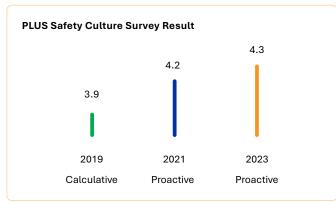
#### Safety

#### Safety Culture Ladder Survey

PLUS has adopted an internationally recognised Safety Culture Ladder framework to strengthen organisational safety culture and conduct periodic assessments of our safety practices. We administer a biennial survey to identify gaps and better understand the maturity of our safety culture.



In 2023, the survey yielded an overall score of 4.3 out of 5.0, indicating a proactive level of safety culture, comparable to leading companies in Malaysia.



#### A New Safety Mindset - Stop, Think, Act, Review (S.T.A.R.)

The S.T.A.R. campaign has become a cornerstone of our HSSE engagement efforts, promoting proactive safety mindset to Warga MyPLUS. Key initiatives include:

- Jom Praktikkan S.T.A.R., a gamified activity that encourages Warga MyPLUS to apply the S.T.A.R. approach in hazard identification, receiving 14,145 report submissions
- Jom Sembang "Lebih Selamat Dengan S.T.A.R.", an interactive session that has engaged over 2,000 Warga MyPLUS in discussions on occupational and commuting safety
- Road Hazard Profiling, which empowers Warga MyPLUS to identify and mitigate risks along commuting routes, resulting in 410 report submissions



- Conduct hazard and risk assessments before starting an activity/task/work
- Identify safe working practices that reduce the risk of accidents/injuries
- Perform identified safe working practices carefully
- Reevaluate safe working practices for improvements

#### **HSSE Game On (HSSE GO)**



HSSE GO is an initiative designed to instil the S.T.A.R. mindset and promote safe behaviour among Warga MyPLUS. It features an enhanced reward mechanism through PLUSMiles points, encouraging active participation and reinforcing positive safety culture.



Internal Communication on the HSSE GO Programme.

### **Communication: Sharing Learnings to Prevent Recurrence**

#### **HSSE Flix Video**



HSSE Flix was created to deliver key HSSE messages in a format that is easy to digest and engaging for all levels of Warga MyPLUS. By leveraging short, animated videos, HSSE Flix aims to increase awareness, reinforce positive behaviours and cultivate a strong HSSE culture across Warga MyPLUS.

#### **Incident Reflection**

To promote shared learning and prevent the recurrence of incidents, we introduced a structured communication approach across all regions and sections. This includes the issuance of Safety Alerts for every occupational incident, monthly Commuting Reminders for severe commuting incidents and the regular publication of Learning from Incidents (LFI) reports. Additionally, we conducted a series of HSSE Engagement roadshows across four (4) regions, enabling direct interaction with our operations team, including frontliners, to embed key safety learnings and reinforce our commitment to continuous improvement.

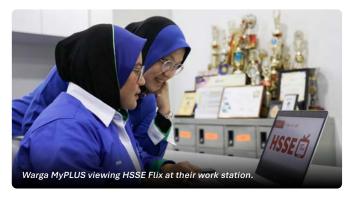
#### **Interactive HSSE Learning**

We leverage on video and e-learning to raise awareness on HSSE basic knowledge, importance of positive safety behaviour and mindset, mental health management and defensive driving.

## **Consequence: Taking Action on People for Serious Non-Compliance**

#### **Consequence Management**

Consequence management process is enforced for all Warga MyPLUS in cases of major non-compliances that result in fatalities or Lost Time Injuries (LTIs). This approach ensures accountability, reinforces the seriousness of safety breaches and reflects our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of health and safety.

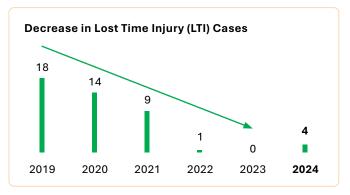


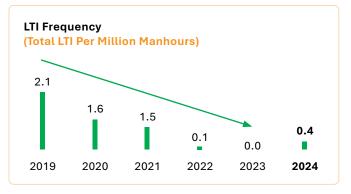


#### **Impact of Our HSSE Initiatives**

Our focus has evolved from achieving Goal Zero to sustaining Goal Zero. We do not take the four (4) LTI incidents in 2024 lightly and are intensifying our efforts to attain and maintain Goal Zero.

This includes targeted engagements with high-risk groups, enhanced incident investigation processes and cross-functional collaboration to eliminate root causes. These efforts reflect our commitment to cultivating a resilient culture that upholds Goal Zero as a continuous journey.







#### **Physical Health**

We focus on promoting and maintaining the physical health of Warga MyPLUS.

#### **Physical Health Screening**

We collaborated with PERKESO to organise a physical health screening at our Persada PLUS headquarters and regional offices.



#### Webinars with Experts on Physical Health

We hosted online webinars featuring expert speakers on topics related to maintaining physical health.





#### **Mental Health**

We support the mental wellbeing of Warga MyPLUS through selected initiatives.

#### Webinars on Mental Wellness with Experts

We hosted online webinars featuring expert speakers on topics related to maintaining mental wellness.



#### **Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)**

We provided a platform for Warga MyPLUS to seek mental health-related advice and schedule counselling sessions with psychologists to help them navigate personal challenges or workplace issues.

Over 97% view EAP services as important or very important for supporting wellbeing and maintaining productivity.



#### Social

We encourage strengthening relationships amongst Warga MyPLUS through shared experiences.

#### Let's Get Physical

We introduced Let's Get Physical, a hybrid exercise series streamed biweekly from different office locations, enabling all Warga MyPLUS to join online and stay active together for better health.



#### Healing Cara MyPLUS

A programme where Warga MyPLUS were empowered to organise their own activities with fellow colleagues, promoting an active lifestyle through socialising.





Life

We support Warga MyPLUS to cultivate a sense of fulfilment, positivity and overall wellbeing to empower them to be their best selves at work. We provide facilities that are designed to enhance both personal wellbeing and daily convenience. These include an on-site Child Development Centre (CDC) to support working parents, a fully equipped sports complex to encourage physical fitness as well as comfortable rest areas and pantries for relaxation. Additionally, a shuttle service to the LRT is provided to make commuting safer and more convenient for our Warga MyPLUS.

#### **Enhancing Work-life Integration through Life Coaching**

Professional life coaches conducted sharing sessions to guide Warga MyPLUS in balancing their personal and professional lives, encouraging their holistic growth.

#### Nurturing Employee Wellbeing Through Spiritual Engagement

Regular gatherings can foster a sense of connection, purpose and inner peace among Warga MyPLUS, helping to reduce stress and enhance overall wellbeing.

#### **MyPLUS Voices**

Established in 2024, this choir group fosters a cohesive Warga MyPLUS spirit of collaboration while reflecting the distinctive identity of the PLUS brand.

Selected through a nationwide audition process, members from across all regions underwent professional vocal training under the internationally acclaimed Broadway Academy. Since its inception, MyPLUS Voices has proudly represented PLUS at key corporate events, including a notable performance during the launch of the Seremban RSA Southbound, held in the presence of YAB Prime Minister.





On-site CDC at Persada PLUS headquarters for Warga MyPLUS to help increase productivity, giving parents peace of mind knowing their child is nearby, safe and well cared for.





**Sports complex** which includes a football field, badminton courts, a netball court as well as multi-purpose courts for volleyball, futsal and *sepak takraw*.



#### **Appreciating Warga MyPLUS**

As part of our commitment to build a positive and inclusive workplace culture, we have undertaken several initiatives to strengthen relationships and enhance engagement among Warga MyPLUS. These efforts reflect our appreciation for their dedication and contributions, particularly during festive seasons.









Our Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer with the Senior

Management attending a PLUS iftar session with tahfiz students.



#### Majlis Anugerah Kecemerlangan MyPLUS

Majlis Anugerah Kecemerlangan MyPLUS was held to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements of the MyPLUS Team. This event honoured their hard work, dedication and exceptional contributions, which were instrumental in driving our performance to greater heights and in building a culture of excellence across our operations.

At the ceremony, the MyPLUS Special Award was presented to PLUSRonda Nor Hizam Shamsudin for his unwavering commitment to operational excellence. While attending to a stalled car, PLUSRonda Nor Hizam Shamsudin was seriously injured when a heavy vehicle lost control and collided with the vehicle he was assisting.





#### What Agile Workforce Means to Us

The development of an agile and productive workforce that can adapt to and anticipate rapid changes in the operating and business environment, with practices that ensures all who work on our highways are treated fairly in line with labour laws and regulations.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Continuously drive, uphold and integrate human rights best practices whilst building the capacity and capability of each Warga MyPLUS to meet the business challenges of today and the future.

We aim to develop an agile workforce, one that feels engaged and motivated at work, enabling them to be high-performing in delivering exceptional service to our highway customers.

#### **Employee Engagement Survey (EES)**

We conduct the EES annually to gauge the level of engagement among Warga MyPLUS. The survey is conducted by an independent consultant to ensure transparency while safeguarding confidentiality. Through this survey, we are able to benchmark ourselves against other Government-Linked Companies (GLCs) in the country, identify our strengths and areas for improvement as well as implement prompt actions to further enhance our employee engagement.

In 2024, we implemented various initiatives including the MyPLUS Culture programme, enhanced benefits and wellbeing programmes, which contributed to achieving our highest EES score in recent years.

The overall engagement score is 84%, 17 points higher than the Malaysia norm, 13 points higher than Malaysian GLCs.

## Top five (5) key factors contributing towards positive engagement:

Employee Experience Dimensions					
Hybrid Working Arrangemen	90%				
Brand		89%			
Safety		89%			
Risk		88%			
Culture and Values		87%			
Key Improvements					
Career Development	+14%				
Enabling Infrastructure	+9%				
Leadership	+9%				

#### **Workplace Digitalisation**

We adopt Microsoft Teams to seamlessly host events, town halls and meetings in virtual or hybrid settings, minimising travel needs and reducing our carbon footprint. Additionally, we utilised Power Apps to develop user-friendly digital applications and promoted the adoption of digital tools. To enhance efficiency, we also automated time-consuming manual tasks using the Microsoft Power Platform, streamlining workflows and improving productivity.

Our digitalisation efforts have resulted in the following:



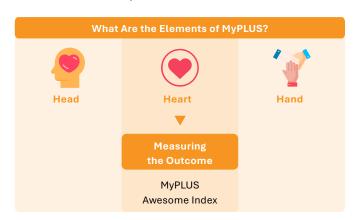
Events such as our MyPLUS Culture Day, Safety Day, leadership conferences and townhalls facilitated through Microsoft Teams allow for seamless dissemination of information while empowering Warga MyPLUS at all levels to interact and communicate.



#### **Culture Transformation**

The MyPLUS Culture transformation programme is the establishment and immersion of the six (6) MyPLUS Culture Practices that drives cohesive teamwork to provide the best service to our highway customers whilst upholding our six (6) corporate values.

The programme is built on three (3) core elements, namely strategic direction, emotional intelligence and practical implementation. These are designed to drive meaningful change across the organisation. The strategic direction (Head) is established during our annual strategic planning session, setting a clear vision and priorities for the future. The emotional intelligence component (Heart) fosters stronger unity, teamwork and collaboration across functions and individuals, ensuring that our efforts benefit the broader community. Lastly, practical implementation (Hand) translates these strategies into action, with measurable outcomes assessed through peer reviews to ensure continuous improvement.



The programme was implemented through immersive engagements with all levels of Warga MyPLUS and culminated in a grand launch event, which featured team-building activities and exhibitions at the MyPLUS Elements Booths to showcase key cultural practices.

Our six (6) corporate values and corresponding culture practices are:



#### I Care

I care for the wellbeing of myself and others



Enterprise Focused

#### I Collaborate

I collaborate and support others to deliver success together



Committed t Your Growth

#### I Constantly Learn

I proactively learn and upskill myself to become better



Take Pride in Results

#### I Am Accountable

I am empowered and accountable to deliver outstanding results together



Do Things

Better

#### I Embrace Change

I find new ways of working to embrace change and innovation



Transparency and Open Communication

#### I Build Trust

I act with integrity and value feedback







#### **Providing Human Rights**

We are proud to be the first Malaysian highway operator to conduct a Human Rights Risk Assessment (HRRA) across our operations and value chain. We were recognised by United Nations Global Compact Malaysia & Brunei (UNGCMYB) in the Pioneer Sustainable Development Action Recognition category for spearheading human rights practices within the industry and for being the first to undertake a HRRA that is implemented across our operations and value chain.

The HRRA is crucial to identify, prevent and mitigate any human rights risks throughout our value chain and strengthen our ability to safeguard stakeholder groups impacted by our business operations. We developed our inhouse HRRA methodology by taking guidance from leading international guidelines and standards.

The HRRA enabled us to develop a set of action plans that further strengthen our human rights practices. This includes the development of the industry's first Human Rights Policy.

#### **Rights to Collective Bargaining**

We fully recognise Warga MyPLUS' rights to freedom of association and collective bargaining, as outlined in our Human Rights Policy. As of 31 December 2024, 56.5% of Warga MyPLUS are unionised and we actively engage with our unions through regular meetings to discuss employment matters, workplace concerns and overall welfare. These engagements serve as a platform for open communication, address any arising issues and collaboratively develop solutions for mutually beneficial outcomes for all stakeholders.

#### **Promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)**

We embrace diversity in our workforce, not only across genders but also age, background and skill sets. We believe in equitable recruitment practices based on our business and operational requirements while continuously promoting a diverse workforce and inculcating an inclusive workplace. Our diverse workforce enables us to derive unique ideas and insights to innovate our business and operations.









External communications on anti-harassment and our Human Rights Policy at RSAs, lay-bys and toll plazas.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about our Human Rights Policy.







#### **Supporting Women in Leadership**

We are committed to support the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance (MCCG) aspiration to achieve at least 30% women in decision-making positions. We are proud to report that women make up 47.5% of our workforce and 38.7% of our senior leadership as of 2024, reflecting our commitment to gender diversity and inclusion.

To celebrate the contributions of our female Warga MyPLUS, we hosted an International Women's Day Forum in March 2024, themed "Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Women Redefining the Workforce". During this event, 1,885 women of PLUS were honored with tokens of appreciation.

Our Managing Director, Datuk Nik Airina, actively inspires young women to excel in engineering and construction fields, a traditionally male-dominated space. She participated in the "Celebrating Women in Construction Forum" in December 2023, sharing her life journey and experiences to highlight the transformative impact of women's leadership in construction.

In January 2024, she delivered an exclusive presentation at Women in Construction Forum 2024 to 50 women leaders, emphasising the contributions of women in the built environment, sustainability and innovation. These events, featuring influential figures continue to inspire the next generation of women to break barriers, pursue leadership roles and thrive in their careers.



Women make up

47.5% of our workforce

38.7% of our senior leadership

55.6% of our Board members





Scan this OR code or click here to learn more about our International Women's Day 2023 celebration.



#### Benefits Provided by PLUS for Warga MyPLUS



#### Leave

We are committed to a healthy work-life balance for Warga MyPLUS by providing a range of leave benefits. These include annual leave, paid annual sick leave, maternity leave (98 consecutive days) and paternity leave (seven (7) consecutive days) as well as compassionate leave, examination leave and study leave. In addition, we have introduced Wellness Leave to be utilised during the birthday month and Umrah Leave.



#### Medical

We have enhanced our medical benefits coverage and introduced a wellness incentive as part of our commitment to promoting a healthier work-life balance.



#### Insurance

We provide group term life insurance and group personal accident insurance to ensure Warga MyPLUS are taken care of should an unexpected event occur.



#### Allowances

We offer on-call, back-for-duty and shift allowances for Warga MyPLUS who are essential to ensure the continuity of our operations and in recognition of the round-the-clock nature of our industry.



#### Mental Wellbeing Support

We provide Warga MyPLUS with access to professional counsellors for guidance on a wide range of concerns, including personal and work-related matters. More details are provided under the Workforce Safety & Wellbeing material matter.



#### **Compassionate Assistance**

We support Warga MyPLUS and their families through funeral assistance, monetary aid for work-related losses, the Tabung Warga MyPLUS Prihatin fund and the PLUS Adoption Scheme, which provides annual financial support for the children of deceased Warga MyPLUS until they complete their tertiary education.



#### Subsidies

We provide interest subsidy on car or motorcycle loans, toll subsidies and reimbursement of call charges.



#### **Scheduled Rosters**

We provide variable shift rosters to ensure Warga MyPLUS on shift received sufficient rest for their overall wellbeing.



#### Flexi-Work Arrangements

We offer flexible working arrangements, including flexiworking hours and adequate break time. Wellbeing Thursday allows non-shift office-based Warga MyPLUS to leave earlier to undertake physical activities.



#### **Natural Disaster Relief Contributions**

We contributed relief to eligible Warga MyPLUS affected by floods, fires and storms.



#### **Self-Development Benefits**

We provided platforms for Warga MyPLUS to attain professional association memberships.



#### Health screening with SOCSO in 2023 and 2024

We initiated health screening awareness among Warga MyPLUS for early detection of non-communicable diseases. This reduces the likelihood of injury and encourage longevity as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle and awareness of such non-communicable diseases.

#### **Continuous Learning & Development**

To infuse a continuous learning mindset amongst Warga MyPLUS, we have crafted learning and development programmes which will enable them to be more agile and better supported in their career development. In 2024, we delivered thousands of training hours to build technical capabilities, strengthen leadership and develop skills aligned with future business needs.





383

learning and development programmes over 636 sessions

#### Our Commitment to Society

Our programmes are easily accessible to all Warga MyPLUS, with options to participate physically, virtually or in a hybrid setting. We offer a wide variety of programmes, including but not limited to the following:

We align our training efforts across nine (9) core initiatives to develop a well-rounded, future-ready workforce, enhancing productivity, leadership, technical expertise and compliance readiness in support of our long-term vision.

#### PLUSRonda Development

We carry out the mandatory PLUSRonda Development programmes for all PLUSRonda and LPT2Ronda personnel, enhancing their skills to ensure exceptional service and professionalism in handling diverse highway situations.

#### Professional Effectiveness

We conduct training to improve communication and collaboration in a hybrid work environment, institutionalise programmes to address competency gaps and enhance Warga MyPLUS' professional effectiveness to support daily operational success.

#### Leadership Effectiveness

We launch programmes to enhance leadership skills and adaptability, providing leaders with strategic foresight to build future-ready leadership.

#### Future-Ready Frontliners

A comprehensive training programme designed to upskill and reskill Toll Crew in key areas such as Information Technology, report writing, personal motivation and mental resilience. This programme equips them with the skills needed to adapt to evolving business demands, enhance operational efficiency and stay agile in a dynamic work environment.

#### Regulatory Compliance

We conduct training initiatives, such as the Expressway Operations Safety Passport (EOSP) and Basic Occupational First Aid (BOFA) programmes, to ensure compliance with safety laws, policies and guidelines, demonstrating PLUS' commitment to regulatory excellence and operational integrity.

#### Professional Certification and Higher Education

We launched initiatives to enhance job performance and technical expertise, equipping Warga MyPLUS with industry-recognised qualifications that foster innovation and support both organisational growth and individual career development.

#### • Continuous Education Programme (CEP)

We designed this programme to cultivate a culture of lifelong learning within PLUS, in a structured and strategic approach for talent development that nurtures both technical capabilities and soft skills essential for career progression and organisational excellence. Success will be tracked through key metrics such as participation rates, skills gap closure, promotion readiness and employee satisfaction.

#### eLearning and Digital Learning

We leverage digital platforms to offer flexible, high-quality training, while also developing critical skills to adapt to technological advancements, reinforcing PLUS' commitment to build a digitally proficient workforce.

#### • Unraveling Sustainability Training Programme

We provide tailor-made programme for our executives to equip them with a comprehensive understanding of the sustainability subject matter. This ultimately enables the embedding of sustainability considerations within our ecosystem. Topics covered include:



Introduction to Sustainability- Significance, Risks and Opportunities



ESG Touchpoints across PLUS' Business and Operations



International & Local Sustainability Standards, Frameworks and Blueprints



PLUS' ESG Initiatives and Achievements





We demonstrate our commitment to developing a futureready workforce that delivers excellence and contributes to our sustainability goals through focused initiatives. By aligning learning programmes with strategic priorities, we equip our Warga MyPLUS with the skills and adaptability needed to navigate industry challenges, reinforcing our position as a forward-thinking industry leader and a trusted partner in Malaysia's growth.

#### PLUS as an Employer of Choice

We recognise the importance of attracting talents to drive the future growth of PLUS as the largest highway concessionaire in Malaysia. As such, we regularly participate in career fairs to showcase job opportunities available at PLUS while providing a career platform for local talents.



#### **Talent Management**

We recognise that succession planning is critical to sustaining leadership continuity and future-proofing our organisation. Our strategic approach to talent management places strong emphasis on identifying, developing and retaining high-potential individuals who are prepared to step into key roles whenever needed.

By embedding succession planning into the broader talent agenda, we ensure that leadership pipelines are robust, diverse and aligned with evolving business needs. This proactive strategy not only mitigates operational risk but also strengthens our ability to adapt, innovate and lead with resilience. Our goal is clear: to build a future-ready workforce by cultivating a strong bench of internal talent, ready to lead, inspire and deliver strategic value across the organisation.

#### **Developing Young Talents**

We launched the Protégé Programme to bridge the gap between academic learning and workplace practice, equipping graduates with soft skills, entrepreneurial and industry competencies, supporting PLUS' goal to nurture market-ready talent. As part of our nation-building efforts, in 2023 and 2024 we offered 236 young graduates the opportunity to gain a diverse and enriching experience with PLUS, paving the way for potential permanent placement within the company as well as external career opportunities beyond PLUS.

By working with seasoned leaders, technical specialists and industry innovators, these young graduates were able to learn from the best and acquire a range of competencies and valuable skills, boosting their employment prospects.



**236** 

young graduates hired as PLUS' Protégé



#### **Employee Mobility**

Our Employee Mobility Programme (EMP) enhances organisational effectiveness by promoting a learning culture, nurturing talent and supporting career growth, which aligns with our values of Enterprise Focused and Do Things Better. To date, 147 employees, including 18 leaders, have been mobilised under EMP, demonstrating our commitment to talent development. The programme is guided by the following objectives:



Support career development



Encourage collaboration



Protect integrity exposure



Facilitate knowledge transfer

#### nitatives Objective

# Talent Acceleration Programme (TAP)

- Build cross-functional expertise to broaden the skill-set of Warga MyPLUS
- Enhance succession planning for critical roles via targeted career movements of successors

#### New Horizon Programme (NHP)

- Refresh the skills of long-tenured Warga MvPLUS
- Introduce new/renewed career pathways
- Enhance Warga MyPLUS morale

#### Potential Realisation Programme (PRP)

 Unlock and harness the full potential of high-performing executives and non-executives with executive qualifications



#### **Our Community**

We take pride in contributing to societal development. Through our sustainability initiatives, we strive to enhance the lives and livelihoods of the communities we serve.

#### **What Bumiputera Empowerment Means to Us**

The introduction of measures to support the socioeconomic status of the Bumiputera community within our ecosystem.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Uplift Bumiputera communities to reduce income disparity and increase their contribution towards national Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

As a responsible Government-Linked Company (GLC), we play a vital role in realising the Government's Bumiputera development agenda towards achieving national socioeconomic objectives. We are uniquely positioned to interact with various Bumiputera communities throughout our value chain and strive to contribute to their upliftment.

In an effort to deliver impactful outcomes for the Bumiputera community, we developed and strengthened our Bumiputera Empowerment Framework to govern programmes aimed at empowering the community through various means such as providing employment opportunities for Bumiputera graduates, upskilling local businesses and supporting community outreach efforts. Our Bumiputera Empowerment Framework is aligned with the Ekonomi MADANI, Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK12), Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 (SPV2030) and Tindakan Pembangunan Bumiputera (TPB2030).

We actively support the empowerment of the Bumiputera community through various initiatives to uplift and nurture their high potential capabilities and positively impact their socio-economic status.

#### **PLUS Bumiputera Community Target Group:**



Fence Line Communities



Vendors



RSA Business Partners



Young Graduates





Scan this QR code or click here to learn more about how we help promote our RSA BPs.







#### **Bumiputera Vendor Empowerment Framework**

Guided by our Bumiputera Vendor Empowerment Framework, PLUS seeks to cultivate a wide-ranging, resilient and sustainable vendor ecosystem that drives innovation, fosters economic growth and creates shared value for all stakeholders. PLUS is working closely with key partners like Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) and Ministry of Entrepreneur and Co-operative Development (MEDAC) to strengthen programmes for the benefit of Bumiputera vendors.

#### **Our Bumiputera community:**

98.2%

Warga MvPLUS

89.0%

Rest Service Area (RSA) stall operators

#### Cultivate a Diverse, Resilient and Sustainable Vendor Ecosystem That Drives Innovation, Fosters Economic Growth and Creates Shared Value for All Stakeholders

#### **Programme**



Expanding the pool of diverse and competent MSME vendors within the industry



**Providing Capacity Building to** 

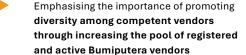


Establishing networks and innovation opportunities for



Increasing economic opportunities for MSME

#### Objectives



Equipping vendors with the ability to access relevant training, certification and skill sets required to be competitive through a structured mentor-mentee programme

Providing vendors exposure to increase market access and develop innovative solutions (including involvement in POCs) by expanding the current Vendor Development Programme (VDP)

Providing capable and qualified vendors with economic opportunities through awarding work to developing Bumiputera vendors

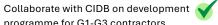
#### Key Enablers/ **Activities**



Aggressive recruitment drive across regions and diverse vendor categories through collaboration with industry partners



programme for G1-G3 contractors Incorporate requirements into



Propose suitable incentives (financial/ exclusive opportunities) to encourage programme take-up



Partner with suitable financial institutions to develop Vendor Financial Linkage Programme for PLUS vendors

Conduct Vendor Engagement programmes, bringing pocket talks, knowledge sharing and business matching



Condition of Contracts with Mentor and monitoring of SLAs



Continue to strengthen VDP through providing coaching, technical assistance, pitching sessions and award recognition







#### **Expanding Pool of Diverse and Competent MSME Vendors Within The Industry**





PLUS partnered with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) to conduct an expansive recruitment drive across all regions to increase the number of contractors registered with PLUS as a first touchpoint opening doors for business opportunities with PLUS. Over 300 CIDB registered contractors attended these sessions.



#### **Establishing Networks and Innovation Opportunities for MSME Vendors**





PLUS is identifying suitable, capable and deserving vendors to either participate in our Vendor Development Programme (VDP) or embark on technical Proof of Concepts (POCs) for highway maintenance with PLUS. This public-private partnership will assist Bumiputera vendors in broadening their horizons and gaining meaningful exposure including the establishment of joint ventures.



## **The Business Partner Incentives Programme**

Sessions across



**Participants** 

States

Participation



Our curated BPIP modules empower Business Partners to enhance performance and value through targeted upskilling and certification programmes tailored to customer needs.

This encompasses the following:

- ▼ Food presentation, cleanliness and safety
- ✓ Digitalisation adoption
- ✓ Halal Certification
- ✓ Statutory obligations including Zakat
- Ethical business conduct
- Wealth management
- Menu Engineering



## What Fence Line Community Development Means to Us

The incorporation of practices to uplift the socioeconomic states of communities within 30km radius from our highways including our Rest Service Areas (RSAs), Overhead Bridge Restaurant (OBRs) and lay-bys.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Provide opportunities for the socioeconomic improvement of the fence line communities in enhancing their safety and livelihood.

Our footprint throughout Peninsular Malaysia provides us with valuable opportunities to deliver positive environmental and socioeconomic impact for the communities that live within a 30km radius of our highway, who we call our fence line communities.



400+

of our business partners are from the fence line communities



Our Fence Line Community Financial Assistance initiative supports underprivileged communities through zakat, donations and sponsorships. As part of our future direction, PLUS is working to enhance zakat distribution, strengthen NGO partnerships and refine our sponsorship framework.

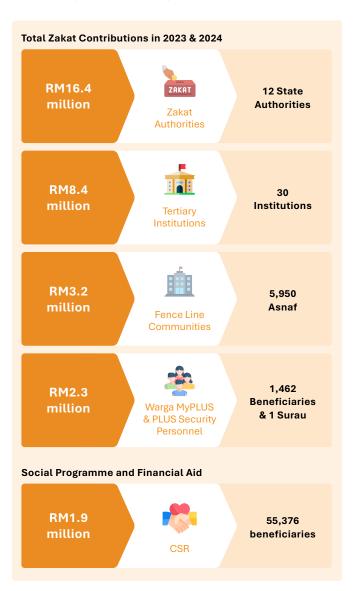
We engage with communities through annual initiatives such as Mufakat Ibadah Korban and Hari Komuniti MyPLUS. These programmes are designed to provide targeted assistance and meaningful contributions, reflecting our core values and commitment to social responsibility. By fostering strong community relationships and delivering impactful outreach efforts, we support the wellbeing of local communities while reinforcing our role as a responsible corporate citizen.



#### **Zakat Distribution**

As an officially appointed zakat distributor, we remain committed to disburse zakat to its rightful recipients as identified by state religious authorities. We developed a Zakat Framework and established a Zakat Fund Committee to adopt a more targeted and strategic approach, ensuring alignment with Syariah requirements while contributing to asnaf development programmes that drive lasting social progress. Recently, we evolved our approach to create higher grassroot impact with meaningfully involved with the community. One (1) of these

efforts include utilising zakat funds to support underprivileged university students, reflecting our focus to create lasting positive change in the overall wellbeing and socioeconomic landscape of a community via social development.





#### **Donations and Sponsorships**

Our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects focus on improving the wellbeing and socioeconomic status of our fence line communities.

We actively provide financial aid to various social bodies, foundations and NGOs, helping them to deliver greater impact through their community relief programmes, fundraising and humanitarian aid efforts.

We sponsor programmes that align with our core corporate values including initiatives that promote safety and healthy living. This includes support for sports and wellness events organised by government bodies and affiliated organisations, reflecting our dedication to improving community health and supporting sustainable lifestyles.

In order to fulfill spiritual and religious obligations, we continue our tradition of providing Muafakat Ibadah Korban Hari Raya Aidiladha, benifiting more that 1,581 fence line community members.

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Programme at Japan Malaysia Technical Institute (JMTI), Pulau Pinang.

In the space of educational development, we supported Persatuan Wanita Industri Binaan Malaysia to empower and encourage women to participate in engineering and technical fields, providing diversity of thinking and opportunities to the industry as a whole.

In the wake of the Northeast Monsoon floods in 2024, our Managing Director, Datuk Nik Airina, personally visited them to provide assistance. A total of 21 Warga MyPLUS received emergency assistance in the form of cash and food basket from Kelab PLUS.





#### Berbudi Bersama Khazanah

PLUS participated in the Berbudi Bersama Khazanah Community Outreach programme, held in conjunction with Khazanah Nasional's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, highlighting the role of Khazanah and its investee companies in:



Building
Capacities and
Creating
Opportunities



Community Development



Environment Preservation



Arts, Heritage and Culture Preservation

The event was held over six (6) days at three (3) states receiving a total of 8,500 visitors during the period. We were given the opportunity to showcase our commitment towards road safety and environmental sustainability at our booth where we displayed our iconic PLUSRonda vehicle as well as organised safety and sustainability themed games and quizzes with prizes for visitors.



#### **MyPLUS Community Day**

The MyPLUS Community Day represents our unwavering commitment to our fence line community, where we dedicated one (1) day to actively engage with our community, leaving a profound and positive impact to the entire surrounding fence line community. Further details on MyPLUS Community Day are elaborated under the Sustainable, Smart and Beyond: Uplifting Fence Line Communities section.

We have meticulously designed our projects to revolve around the overall wellbeing of the communities, focusing on the following activities and locations:



## Activities at Local Community Locations & Care Centers

- Safety Enhancements
- Road Repair and Maintenance
- Infrastructure Upgrades and Maintenance
- Water and Energy Sustainability
- Aesthetic and Environmental Improvements
- Community Engagement and Development
- · General Cleaning



Activities at Schools

- · Safety Enhancements
- Infrastructure
   Transformations
- Building Repairs and Maintenance
- Electrical Installations and Upgrades
- Environmental Clean-Up and Landscaping
- Sports and Outdoor Facilities
- Community Assistance
- School Facility Upgrades



**Activities at**Community Forests

- · Agriculture & Gardening
- Environmental Sustainability & Cleanup
- Safety & Signage
- Community Engagement & Facility Repairs





Our Community Day efforts as featured in Sinar Harian and Sin Chew Daily newspapers.



#### These SDGs are relevant to our strength in governance





We are proud to uphold the good standards of corporate governance and have put in place the appropriate structures, policies and procedures to ensure we exercise accountability and transparency in everything we do.

Our approach to governance is cascaded from the Board of Directors (BOD) all the way through our frontliners, where we have ingrained good governance practices throughout our decision-making processes.

Our Board Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (BGRSC) is tasked to oversee the implementation of good governance across the organisation. In addition, business functions across PLUS play their part in upholding good governance, with the Legal, Risk & Compliance (LRC) being the central focal point for coordination, execution and reporting of governance matters.

#### **Relevant Material Sustainability Matters**



Ethics & Integrity



**Data Security** 



Procurement Management





#### What Ethics & Integrity Means to Us

The adoption of high ethical and integrity practices at all levels of the organisation

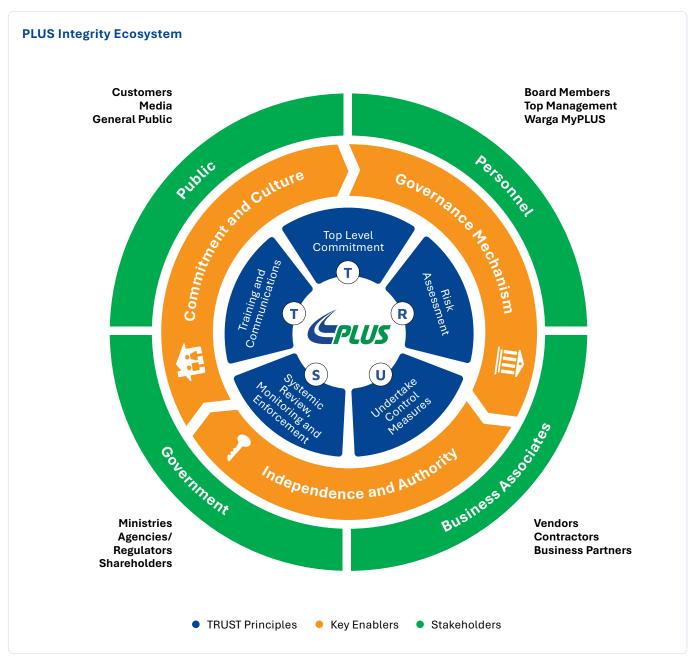
#### **Our Aspirations**

Embed ethics within our cultural fabric, with zero tolerance for misconduct, fraud and bribery, aimed towards maintaining a bribery-free ecosystem

In line with the enforcement of Section 17(A) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, we have further strengthened our integrity efforts. Our integrity practices are anchored upon the concept of TRUST introduced by the Prime Minister's Department in the Guidelines on Adequate Procedures (GAP) pursuant to Subsection (5) of Section 17A of the MACC Act 2009.

We established an Integrity Framework, which sets out the approach and mechanisms to prevent, detect and respond to misconducts relating to bribery, corruption, fraud and abuse of power within our operations. The framework also encompasses our Integrity Ecosystem, which is guided by our ten (10) Anti-Bribery and Corruption (ABAC) principles.







#### **Top Level Commitment**

Our Anti-Bribery and Corruption (ABAC) guide includes practical scenarios for each principle that must be read, understood and complied with by Warga MyPLUS and anyone engaging with us. To ensure that the guide is on par with the latest standards and trends, we have since revised the contents of the guide in February 2024.

#### Whistleblowing



External communication of our Speak Up channel.

To ensure robust integrity practices, we carried out an integrity survey in 2022 across approximately 3,800 Warga MyPLUS and 1,200 business associates to determine our understanding and state of compliance with integrity practices.

Using the feedback gained from the survey, we took a positive step forward by rebranding the "Whistleblowing" channel as the "Speak Up" channel, in line with leading practices and to encourage stakeholders to proactively speak up without fear of retribution.

To strengthen the confidentiality, independence and impartiality of this platform, we have appointed an independent third party to administer the Speak Up process.

Since the launch, we have seen a significant increase in Speak Up reporting, signifying confidence in our reporting mechanism.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to refer to our Speak Up Guideline.



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to refer to our ABAC Guide.



#### Ten (10) principles of our position on bribery and corruption:



We have a zero-tolerance position against all forms of bribery and corruption.



We are committed to dealing with business associates and Government officials in a fair, transparent and ethical manner.



We prohibit any receiving, giving or promising of facilitation payments.



We do not entertain support letters and requests for special privileges.



We shall conduct due diligence on PMB personnel, business associates, projects and major business activities, in particular where there is significant exposure to bribery and corruption risk.



We shall declare conflicts of interest on a schedule basis and where actual, potential or perceived conflicts arise.



We adopt a "No Gifts" policy, subject to certain limited exceptions.



We prohibit offering or accepting hospitality subject to certain limited exceptions.



We allow charitable donations and sponsorships for legitimate reasons. We do not make political donations.



We strongly encourage reporting (whistleblowing) of real or suspected cases of bribery and corruption without fear of retaliation or reprisal.





#### **Bribery Risk Assessment**

We have a comprehensive process to identify, assess, monitor and respond to key exposures towards bribery risks. Our bribery risk reports are regularly reviewed and deliberated by the Board Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (BGRSC), providing reasonable assurance that key bribery risks are actively managed.

We have also utilised our Organisational Anti-Corruption Plan (OACP) to implement a comprehensive process to address key bribery risk exposures. Periodic activities include performing enterprise-wide bribery risk assessments, reviewing business functions' Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and updating existing controls and proposing action plans for each functional bribery risk profile.





Top Level
Commitment

Risk Assessment U Co

Undertake Control Measure Systemic Review,
Monitoring and
Enforcement

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Training and Communication



Capacity Building & Awareness



Strengthening Due Diligence

Key Focus ► Areas



Enhance Decision-Making Through Data and Technology



Apply Outside-In Perspective For Continuous Improvements



Pursuing Advocacy Work Continue to build a strong integrity culture among personnel capabilities.

Embed comprehensive due diligence across all business functions, key processes and projects to enable the management to make informed decisions prior to engaging third parties and deploying products and services.

Use technology to aid and enhance integrity decision-making. This can be achieved through structured monitoring of risks and data and analytics of trends and statistics.

Apply an outside-in perspective by consistently engaging internal and external stakeholders to gain insights and improvements in integrity practices.

Increase visibility and collaboration with internal and external stakeholders to enable and drive change within the industry and operational ecosystem.



#### People



#### **Process**



#### LRC



#### **Technology**

Key Enablers Personnel that are aware of, understand and practice integrity ethically to uphold strong moral principles in everything that they do.

Effective processes to guide integrity activities and encourage transparent reporting and declaration by internal and external stakeholders.

Adequate policies, frameworks and guides to govern and drive integrity activities. Suitable technology to enable measures to detect, manage and respond to potential corruption and bribery.



#### **Undertake Control Measures**

To demonstrate our commitment to the highest standards of ethics and integrity, we obtained the ISO 37001:2016 Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) certification in 2020.

Since being certified, we have undergone annual surveillance and recertification audits conducted by SIRIM to ensure that the management system continuously complies with ABMS standards. Accordingly, SIRIM has endorsed and recommended for us to proceed with re-certification in May 2023 without requiring changes to our current Anti-Bribery and Corruption (ABAC) implementation and processes. This is a testament to the comprehensiveness of our current ABAC implementation.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more about our commitment to anti-bribery and corruption.







#### Systemic Review, Monitoring and Enforcement

To ensure that our integrity practices are relevant, adequate and effective, we introduced mechanisms to monitor, report and enforce the ten (10) ABAC Principles. To this effect, we diligently monitor activities and statistics, conduct audits which is followed by consequence management for instances of non-compliance.

We have also introduced comprehensive Codes of Conduct for Warga MyPLUS and business associates. Our Employee Code of Conduct (ECOC) governs the professional conduct of Warga MyPLUS and outlines their responsibilities in performing their duties. The ECOC ensures that all individuals acting on behalf of PLUS perform their activities in an ethical way and in accordance with laws and regulations as well as the standards we set through our policies, guidelines and rules.

Our Business Associates Code of Conduct (BACOC), on the other hand, governs professional conduct expected from any external parties with whom we have, or plan to establish, some form of business relationship, including our business partners, vendors, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, agents, representatives, tenants and other intermediaries.



#### **Key Areas Covered in Our BACOC**



**ABAC Principles** 



Information Security



Competitive Practice



Health, Safety, Security and Environment



Recordkeeping



**Human Rights** 



Intellectual Property and Branding



Statements to External Parties



Representations



Protection of PLUS' Assets



Compliance to Laws and Contractual Obligations





#### **Training and Communications**



#### **Mandatory Training for New Joiners**

Upon completion of the training, all participants are required to sign and declare an Integrity Pledge stating that they understand and abide by the Anti-Bribery and Corruption (ABAC) Guide.

Since the launch of our ABAC programme in 2019, we have conducted 171 training sessions, including 133 face-to-face, 31 online and 7 hybrid sessions, resulting in 4,982 Warga MyPLUS undertaking the integrity pledge.



#### **Refresher Training**

Refresher training on a periodic basis to identify lessons learned from reported incidences, engagement sessions across different regional offices and interactive e-learning modules.

A total of 81 training sessions covering 2,867 Warga MyPLUS have been conducted since 2020.



#### **ABAC Briefing Sessions**

ABAC briefing session for all business associates through our Business Partners Incentive Programme (BPIP) to create awareness on anti-bribery and corruption as well as to emphasise our expectations on ethical and responsible business activities.

In 2023, we conducted four (4) training sessions for over **520 business partners across the nation through BPIP**.



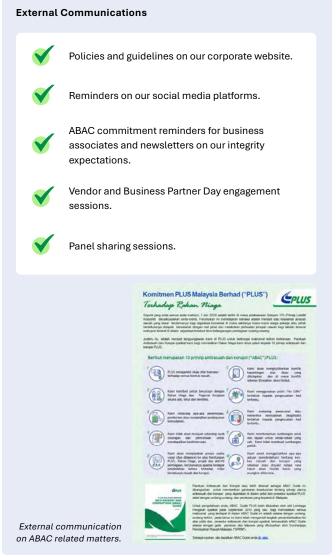
#### **Engagement with Sections & Regions Personnel**

We also conduct engagement sessions with region and section office across our operational footprint. These serve as reminders on their roles and responsibilities towards adhering to ABAC principles.

#### **Communicating Our Commitment to Ethics and Integrity**

As part of measures to further instill ethical conduct among Warga MyPLUS and all parties dealing with us, we carry out regular internal and external integrity-related communication. Our communication platforms include:







#### What Data Security Means to Us

The implementation of measures to identify, monitor, secure and protect critical and sensitive data.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Institutionalise leading standards and practices to ensure compliance with data security standards and prevent loss of critical and confidential data.





With the advancement of global technology over the last decade, we have progressively digitalised our information record and retention system, utilised big data analytics as well as increased our reliance on online communication platforms to drive efficiency, improve business management and strengthen collaborative effort with our stakeholders.

In view of the invaluable and highly sensitive nature of our data, we have intensified our focus and resources on strengthening the security of our data and information ecosystem.

We proactively align our cybersecurity initiatives with the newly gazetted Cyber Security Act 2024, which came into effect in August 2024, as PLUS falls within the National Critical Information Infrastructure (NCII) sector for transportation.



Internal communication on ransomware attacks.

Our data management ecosystem is reinforced by a robust security strategy which comprises the following two (2) pronged approach:



#### System & Hardware

Ensure adequate and comprehensive mechanisms are in place to monitor, filter and block malicious activities to prevent any data leakages. To further strengthen our security, we also have in place cybersecurity monitoring and detection capabilities to detect cybersecurity threats using machine learning and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

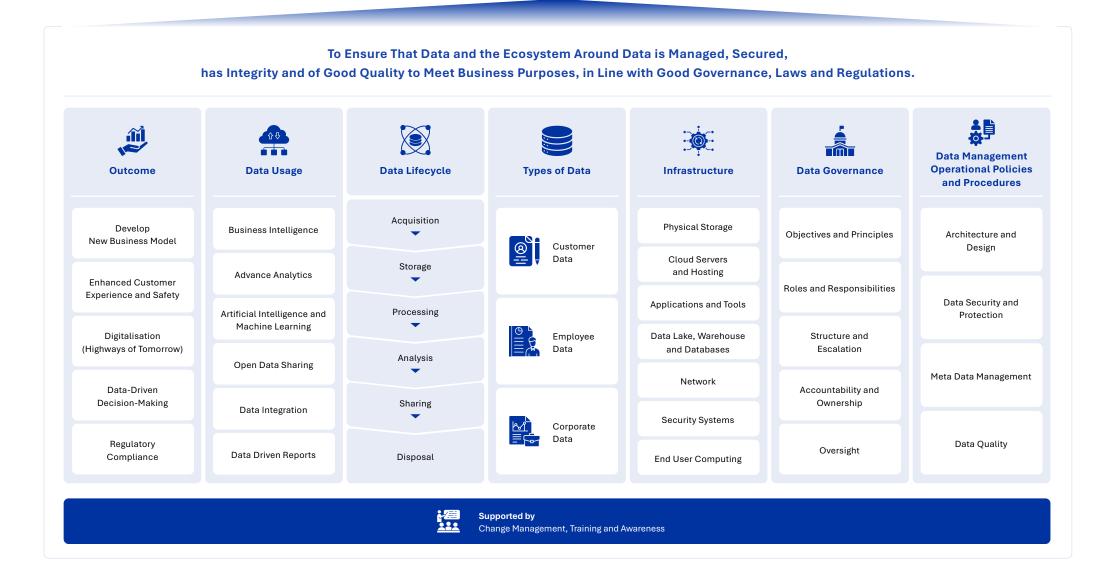


#### **People & Process**

We acknowledge that in aligning a holistic data management ecosystem, a strong foundation is required. We have invested in resources to ingrain a security culture among Warga MyPLUS and within our business operations. In doing so, we have executed various initiatives which include establishing various internal process to facilitate Warga MyPLUS in remaining cognisant on data security matters while performing their day-to-day operations, providing training to increase awareness and developing a comprehensive Information Security Policy & Guide (ISPG) for both Warga MyPLUS and third parties. As a testament to the strength of our data management ecosystem, we pride ourselves in having zero data breach incidents, which is a remarkable achievement in maintaining a safe and secure digital ecosystem.

#### **Data Governance Framework**

We are committed to ensure robust management of data to minimise the risk of data breaches. Our comprehensive Data Governance Framework sets guidelines and rules of engagement in handling enterprise-wide data. Our data management ecosystem outlines our objectives and enables an end-to-end view of what we need to protect and govern.





#### **Our Information Security Policy & Guide (ISPG)**

As part of our effort to ingrain a culture of information security among Warga MyPLUS and our external stakeholders, we launched the ISPG to assist Warga MyPLUS and third parties on precautionary measures that must be understood to ensure information security is intact.

We have revised and updated our ISPG in June 2024 and introduced guides on using cloud based storage platforms with enhanced information security. The Information Security Policy and Guide (ISPG) focuses on the following five (5) key areas of information security:



Addresses roles and responsibilities of Data Owners, System Owners and Data Users to ensure information is secured.

### 2 Information Classification

Addresses the information classification categories and outlines how Warga MyPLUS should classify information:

Highly Confidential

Restricted Ir

Internal

Public

We are working to enhance the ISPG to include the Do's and Don'ts for Al usage, to be released in 2025.

### 3 Information Labelling and Handling

Addresses information labelling, printing, storing, filing, backup, retention and disposal.

### 4 Access Control

Addresses how stakeholders can ensure secured access control when accessing spaces where information resides.

Sharing of information internally and externally via various platforms:

- Within the organisation
- Public Communication
- Regulators & Government Bodies
- Other external requests

Specific examples and guidelines for sharing information through messaging applications and social media:



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Messaging PLU Applications Social I

PLUS' Personal Social Social Media Media

### 5 Information Sharing

Addresses the security measures to be undertaken when sharing information internally and externally as well as while using messaging applications and social media. In addition, it outlines the areas of information sharing and guidelines that should be observed. In ensuring stakeholders' understanding, the ISPG provides specific examples and scenarios to be considered.



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to refer to our Information Security Guide (Third Party).



#### **Information and Data Security Enablers**

In ensuring the success of our information security initiatives, we have implemented the following three (3) approaches:



#### Enable

In exhibiting our commitment to a top-down approach, we established a Data Governance Council, chaired by our Chief Technology Officer. The council frequently convenes to discuss pertinent issues which include the execution of data governance initiatives, solutions and implementation of technology enhancements across the organisation.



Our bottom-up approach includes inculcating a culture of information security among Warga MyPLUS by rolling out mandatory e-learning modules and conducting frequent internal trainings.

In reinforcing our message and stance on information security-related matters, we consistently publish communication posters for clear guidance on acceptable practices, potential risks and employee responsibilities on data protection and data privacy.



#### Enforce

To ensure long-lasting changes, we enforce compliance by making our e-learning mandatory and incorporating disciplinary procedures for non-compliance. We developed our IT Security Policy in 2023 to provide a robust framework to set clear guidance on awareness, responsibilities, required practices and the consequences of policy breaches.

#### **Protection of Data and Privacy**

We place the utmost importance on the security and protection of our relevant stakeholders' data and have therefore taken necessary steps to ensure that the storage of data is highly secured.



We are proactively developing the necessary action plans to ensure compliance with the Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2024.

Once the anticipated guidelines are published, a further gap analysis will be conducted to reflect the necessary changes in existing data protection practices, PLUS' Privacy Policies and Notices as well as relevant procedures.

Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to refer to our Privacy Policy and Notices.



#### **Enhancing Cybersecurity**

We have significantly bolstered our cybersecurity through a multi-pronged approach, which includes:



Implementing USB blocking from April 2024 onwards to control data transfer and prevent malware



Establishing a robust Defense-in-Depth strategy utilising advanced security tools and a 24/7 Security Operations Centre (SOC) for real-time threat management



Conducting phishing simulation exercises and educational webinars



Launching the Cybersecurity Mini Roadshow promoting essential cybersecurity best practices across the organisation

Consequently, we observed a sharp increase in threat reporting by Warga MyPLUS, reflecting a strengthened cybersecurity culture.





#### **What Procurement Management Means to Us**

Conducting procurement activities and managing organisational spend in the most effective and efficient manner, upholding good governance throughout the process.

#### **Our Aspirations**

Deliver quality services while optimising costs and increasing involvement from micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME).

We have established a Board Investment and Tender Committee (BITC), supported by the Management Expenditure Committee (MEC) and Management Tender Committee (MTC), to ensure the promotion and enablement of fair and efficient procurement practices.

Our procurement function is pivotal to ensure the sustainable acquisition of materials and services necessary for the execution of our business and operations.





Award works to approximately

400 vendors per annum



20,000+

Purchase Orders (PO) were processed on average per annum.



99%\*

of our supplier spend was directed towards local vendors.

\* Data from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024

#### **Procurement Transformation**

We embarked on a procurement transformation programme to drive improvement across the entire procurement value chain. The transformation programme focuses on the following key dimensions:



#### Strategy

Optimising our procurement strategy to meet business expectations while ensuring compliance with the Concession Agreements and service-level agreements (SLAs).



#### **People and Culture**

Ensuring Warga MyPLUS are upskilled and equipped with the desired technical and non-technical skills and competencies.



#### **Process and Governance**

Maintaining efficient, timely and accurate processes that drive operational efficiencies and instituting good governance practices with suitable levels of control and authority.

Our Unified Procurement Guide, equips Warga MyPLUS with a comprehensive, one-stop guide that highlights key aspects of PLUS Procurement Policy and Procedure, thus enabling them to navigate and understand key procurement processes effectively.



#### **Technology**

Implementing advanced automation and technology solutions to streamline and optimise procurement processes and improve operational efficiency.

### **Vendor Development Programme (VDP)**

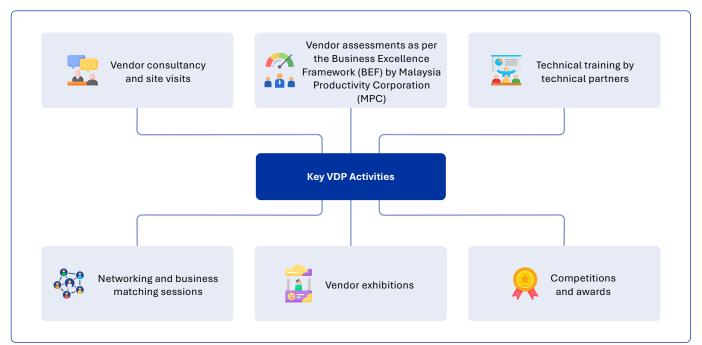
We recognise the vital role that we play in creating value for Malaysia's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) community, who forms the backbone of the nation's economic strength. In line with the national agenda for MSME development and Bumiputera empowerment, we have established a five (5) year VDP aimed at propelling Malaysian MSMEs towards becoming locally and globally competitive. The objectives of our VDP are as follows:







Our VDP currently comprises of 14 vendors, participating in our programme, with five (5) successfully graduating in 2023. Throughout 2023 and 2024, we have awarded contracts worth RM47 million to nine (9) vendors in the programme. In an effort to ensure holistic development for our participating vendors, the VDP contains several key activities that include:



We evaluate the performance and growth of our VDP participants by mapping their progress against the BEF, which covers training, consultancy and performance assessment.



As a testament to the success of our VDP, we have supported and empowered six (6) of our VDP participants to successfully secure grants totalling RM1.79 million throughout 2023 and 2024 by leveraging on Geran Inovasi dan Pengkomersialan Vendor (GIPV) provided by the Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperation (MEDAC) as well as the Vendor Capacity and Capability Development Programme (PPKV) by SME Bank.

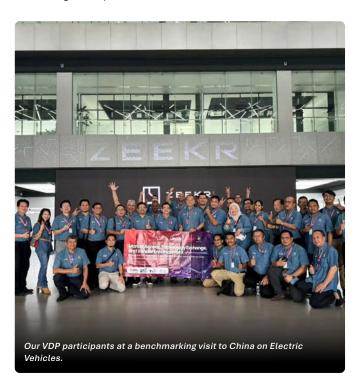




#### **Facilitating Benchmark Visits**

We actively participated in collaborative initiatives led by the Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperation (MEDAC), Malaysia Automotive Robotics and IoT Institute (MARii) and Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF). These efforts aim to provide local industry players and service providers with early exposure to Electric Vehicle (EV) technologies and global best practices.

In July 2024, we joined leading industry players, including Proton, TNB, Telekom Malaysia and UEM Edgenta, on a benchmarking trip to Beijing, China. This visit to a world-class automotive manufacturer such as ZEEKR promotes knowledge transfer on EV production, cutting-edge technologies and global practices, enhancing the capabilities of local vendors.



#### **Green Procurement Framework**

We are committed to implementing initiatives that reduce the environmental impact of our business and operations through our procurement activities. Hence, we introduced our Green Procurement Framework in May 2024, which defines the roles and responsibilities of Business Owner and Procurement in incorporating green practices from procurement planning to project completion. This framework is developed based on international and national guidelines, including the Government Green Procurement (GGP), National Construction Policy (NCP), National Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Blueprint and ISO 20400:2017 for Sustainable Procurement and aligned to national initiatives such as MyHIJAU Programme by the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC). The framework establishes a structured and phased approach to embed sustainability at every stage of procurement, from Annual Procurement Planning to Vendor Performance Evaluations.

#### In the initial implementation phase, the following key actions has been prioritised:



Mapping procurement needs against product and service categories eligible for MyHIJAU certification.



Identifying existing vendors in our ecosystem with a valid MyHIJAU certification.



Conducting engagements to onboard new vendors with MyHIJAU certification to be registered with PLUS.



Encouraging project teams to actively explore and source green or sustainability-focused products and services.



Assessing vendors sustainability readiness and maturity through deploying questionnaire.



Establish
environmentally
conscious and
socially responsible
considerations into our
evaluation criteria.



Implementing sustainability requirements into our contracts and letters of appointment, where applicable.



Tracking of key sustainability metrics e.g. reduction in carbon footprint as part of project evaluation.

#### **Financial Optimisation**

As Malaysia's largest rated sukuk issuer, we ensure that our financial resources are managed responsibly to create values for our investors. We also consistently engage our sukukholders to align ourselves with the principles of sustainable finance. We then carefully craft our strategies to meet the expectations of our sukukholders and shareholders as well as strive to ensure our initiatives continue to deliver sustainable returns to them.

Despite headwinds and challenges relating to inflation, rising costs and global macroeconomic factors, we are committed to deliver the best services to our highway customers. Hence, various efforts are in place to improve efficiency and optimise cost. These enterprise-wide initiatives focus on developing innovative solutions to institutionalise efficiency and effectiveness of our people, processes and technology.

These initiatives are streamlined and prioritised based on their potential impacts and are monitored closely to manage risks, challenges and any possible derailments. Over the years, we have successfully reduced our cost structurally for long-term sustainability.

In an effort to ensure comprehensive internal controls, we have enhanced our business processes to ensure compliance with various ISO and regulatory standards. This is a testament to our robust financial governance system.







**29 November 2024** 

#### **14 November 2024**

#### **13 November 2024**

#### 7 November 2024







# **Pioneer Sustainable Development Action Recognition**

The award ceremony recognises the ongoing efforts of UN Global Compact (UNGC) signatories in integrating the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) into their business strategies and operations.

We received this recognition for pioneering Malaysia's first sustainable RSA, the Seremban RSA Southbound, reflecting our dedication to embedding sustainable practices into infrastructure development, setting new benchmarks for environmentally sustainable facilities.



**Toilet of the Year Award (TOTYA) 2024** *Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT)* 

### Toilet of the Year RSA Category – Machap RSA Northbound

The award ceremony recognises the efforts of organisations in maintaining highest level of hygiene and customers comfort at public toilets aligning with the BMW (Bersih, Menawan, Wangi) standards.

We received this award for the restrooms at Machap RSA Northbound, reflecting our organisational-wide effort in ensuring the highest standards of restroom facilities for our highway customers.



International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) 2024

Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality & Productivity

#### Two (2) Gold Awards

The ICQCC is a platform for organisations across various countries to exchange ideas and explore techniques to improve product quality, productivity and customer satisfaction.

Two (2) of our participating teams, were conferred with the Gold Awards for their impactful projects, namely the development of an automated system to improve report submission to the regulators and the implementation of an Al-powered camera system to prevent suicide attempts at Penang Bridge.



**SIRIM Industry Ceremony 2024** *SIRIM Academy Sdn Bhd* 

#### Green 5S (SIRIM 5:2023)

The award ceremony recognises organisations that have successfully implemented the Green 5S Programme, focusing on creating a safe, healthy, conducive and energy-saving environment.

We received this certification in recognition of our continued excellence in 5S implementation at PLUS's Rawang Rest Service Area (Northbound). As of 31 December 2024, a total of 38 locations, consisting of Rest Service Areas, lay-bys and Overhead Bridge Restaurants across PLUS highways, have been certified with Green 5S.

**8 October 2024** 

17 September 2024

9 - 12 September 2024

**6 August 2024** 





#### Best Sukuk (Medium Term Note) in Malaysia - Transport Category

The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards recognise the best Islamic banks and financial institutions as well as the landmark deals that defined the industry during the review period.

We received this recognition for the issuance of RM600 million dual tranche medium term notes under Sukuk PLUS Programme acknowledging our efforts in sustainable financing strategies.



# Anugerah Lebuh Raya 2024 Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA)

# Sustainable Highway Award Best Rest Service Area Best Highway Hero (PLUSRonda) Best Highway Influencer Best Digital Content Production

The award ceremony honours highway concessionnaires and related stakeholders for their excellence in highway development, maintenance and operations.

We won five (5) out of six (6) award categories, which is a testament towards our commitment in delivering best-in-class highway services. We strive to continuously uphold highest standards in in all aspects of highway maintenance and operations through dedication and innovation.



# International Quality & Productivity Convention (IQPC) 2024

Quality and Productivity Association of the Philippines with Indonesian Quality & Productivity Management Association (IQPMA)

# Two (2) Excellent Awards One (1) Best Presentation Award

This global event recognises excellence in quality and productivity improvements by providing a platform for organisations to share their innovative projects and best practices.

Two (2) of our teams received the Excellent Award for their impactful projects namely pioneering Stress Absorbing Membrane Interlayer (SAMI) technology and an Al-powered system utilising natural language processing (NLP) to improve customer communication. The latter also received the Best Presentation award.



# Malaysia Cyber Security Awards CyberSecurity Malaysia

### Cybersecurity Professional of The Year 2024

This award honors individuals and organisations for their contributions to Malaysia's cyber and information security through innovation, leadership, commitment and strategic excellence.

Our Head of Cybersecurity received the recognition for his commitment and efforts for PLUS, underscoring the critical role of cybersecurity professionals.

24 July 2024 28 May 2024 23 April 2024 15 December 2023



# The World CIO 200 Summit Global CIO Forum

#### CIO 200 Award

The global award ceremony highlights outstanding achievements and contributions of CIOs around the world in driving digital transformation, AI and innovation within their organisations.

Our Chief Technology Officer succeeded in making into the top 200 list of global ClOs, as a testament of his efforts in spearheading digital transformation at PLUS including advancing Al application for improving safety and operations efficiency.



### Showcase on Productivity Improvement Initiatives 2023

Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)

### Two (2) Best Productivity Improvement Projects

MPC annually recognises organisations and individuals who have successfully championed productivity at the workplace to drive future workforce development, productivity and innovation.

Two (2) of our participating teams, were confered with the Best Productivity Improvement Projects recognition, namely the development of an automated system to improve report submission to the regulators and the development of a predictive real-time traffic monitoring tool incorporating big data to provide real-time alerts.



#### **SPAN Industry Awards**

National Water Services Commission (SPAN)

# Sewage Treatment Plan (STP) of the Year 2023 - Private Category

SPAN recognises organisations who demonstrate excellence in maintaining the safety, sustainability and efficiency of the water supply and sewerage systems.

We were recognised for our economical and sustainable efforts in improving the quality of water services at STP Sungai Buloh Lay-by Southbound.



Forward Faster Sustainability Awards 2023 UN Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei (UNGCMYB)

### Two (2) Pioneer Sustainable Development Action

The award ceremony recognises the ongoing efforts of UN Global Compact (UNGC) signatories in integrating the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) into their business strategies and operations.

We received recognitions for pioneering the industry's first comprehensive climate risk assessment and for our internal engagement programmes on sustainability. Both of these recognitions reflect our commitment embedding practices at all levels.

2 November 2023 27 September 2023 11 September 2023 11 September 2023



#### International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC), Beijing, China China Association for Ouality

Two (2) Gold Awards

The ICQCC is a platform for organisations across various countries to exchange ideas, experience and explore techniques to improve product quality, productivity and customer satisfaction.

Two (2) of our participating teams were conferred with Gold Awards, for their impactful projects, namely the establishment of a land requisition system for highway planning and development as well as the automation of incident reporting for our PLUSRonda Intelligent Management System.



CPO Summit & Awards
CPO Asia

#### Two (2) Gold Awards

The summit and awards ceremony highlights organisations and individuals who have demonstrated excellence, innovation, efficiency and sustainability in procurement.

We received recognition for our LED Retrofitting Initiative, which constitutes replacing over 30,000 traditional street lighting with energy-efficient lighting. This illumination of our highways enhances road safety while reducing energy consumption.



### International Quality & Productivity Convention (IQPC)

Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) collabration with Indonesian Quality & Productivity Management Association (IQPMA)

# Three (3) Excellent Awards One (1) Best Innovation Award

This annual event brings together various organisations from all around the world to share experiences and promote innovations in improving quality and productivity.

Three (3) of our participating teams were conferred with the Excellent Award, for their impactful projects that contributed to automation, data centralisation and geospatial asset visualisation. One (1) of the teams additionally received the Best Innovation Award for their project on automating slope defect detection via an interactive dashboard.



MARIM International Conference 2023

Malaysian Association of Risk & Insurance Management (MARIM)

### Risk Management Team of the Year Award 2023

MARIM is Malaysia's most active risk and insurance management body, promoting and advocating risk management and insurance practices through educational seminars, lectures and conferences.

We were honoured with the Risk Management Team of the Year Award acknowledging our team's success in embedding a risk-aware mindset into daily operations and effectively integrating Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) principles with Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) practices to drive measurable results.

25 August 2023 17 August 2023 22 June 2023 16 May 2023



# ASEAN Energy Awards 2023 ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE)

#### **Zero Energy Building**

The ASEAN Energy Award is Southeast Asia's highest recognition for outstanding achievements in energy development across the region. It honours initiatives that demonstrate excellence in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy adoption.

We were recognised in the Zero Energy Building category for our Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System at Dengkil RSA Northbound.



#### **National Energy Award 2023**

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Sustainability (NRES)

# Merit for Energy Efficiency Building - Zero Energy Building

NRES annually recognises businesses across all industries for their commitment to sustainable energy practices and integrating energy-efficient solutions

We received a Merit award for our Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System at Dengkil RSA Northbound, reflecting our commitment to integrating renewable energy solutions and promoting sustainable highway infrastructure.



#### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Malaysia OpenGov Leadership Forum

OpenGov Asia

#### Recognition of Excellence (RoE) 2023

The award ceremony recognises initiatives and innovations that create positive impact on the safety and wellbeing of the public.

We were recognised for our Al-driven system at Penang Bridge, which was designed to detect and prevent suicide attempts using advanced analytics.



**2022 Lead Managers' League Tables** *Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad (MARC)* 

#### MARC's Sukuk of the Year

The award ceremony recognise outstanding achievements in the domestic bond and sukuk markets as well as innovations in sustainable finance that demonstrate a strong alignment with sustainability and ESG principles.

We were recognised for our exceptional achievement in the issuance of RM25.2 billion Islamic Medium-Term Notes (MTN) Programme, which has been acknowledged as the world's largest single-rated sukuk issued by a corporation.

5 May 2023 16 March 2023 16 February 2023 13 January 2023



#### Highway Industry Personnel Excellence Awards 2022

Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA)

### Land Lease Agreement Signing Achievement Award

Special Award for Highway Industry Personnel Excellence

Outstanding Service Award (Highway Concessionaire Category)

We received several recognitions from MHA for our significant contributions to the industry, namely our Managing Director was acknowledged for her outstanding achievements, while our Chief Operating Officer was recognised for his leadership as President of the Persatuan Syarikat-Syarikat Konsesi Lebuhraya Malaysia (PSKLM). Additionally, six (6) Warga MyPLUS, were honoured for their exceptional service.



#### **Geolnnovation Award 2023**

Esri Malaysia

### Innovation in Geospatial Technology and Highway Management

The award ceremony celebrates innovative geospatial solutions which addresses social, economic, business and environmental challenges through geospatial technology.

We were conferred with the award for our exemplary Geographic Information System (GIS) project implementation by integrating cloud technology, 3D mapping, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and 360 degrees aerial panoramic view of operations, reflecting our commitment to leveraging geospatial technology for smarter and more efficient highway management.



# Kincentric Best Employers Malaysia Award Kincentric Malaysia

#### Best Employer for 2022

The award ceremony honours organisations which demonstrate a strong commitment to their people by fostering a workplace culture that values employees' voices, performance and growth.

We were recognised as one (1) of Malaysia's best employers for 2022, reflecting our dedication to creating a positive and empowering workplace where everyone can thrive and contribute to our success.



#### **Putra Brand Awards 2022**

Association of Accredited Advertising Agents Malaysia

### People's Choice - Transportation, Travel & Tourism Category

The award ceremony aims to recognise and celebrate brands that have effectively built strong relationships and resonance with consumers through their branding initiatives.

We were recognised as the People's Choice in the Transportation, Travel & Tourism category, underscoring the trust and confidence placed in us by highway customers.



### Sustainability Discloures

#### Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Recommendations

The TCFD recommendations form a framework that guide organisations on disclosing their actions in mitigating climate change risks. It encourages organisations to report their sustainability commitments transparently, thereby instilling confidence among their stakeholders.

Our progress in implementing the recommendations across the four (4) pillars of TCFD i.e. governance, strategy, risk management and metrics and targets are as follows:

#### Governance

Disclose the organisation's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities.

- Quarterly meetings are held with the Board Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (BGRSC) and Management Governance, Risk & Sustainability Committee (MGRSC) to seek steer and guidance on governance, risk, sustainability and compliance matters.
- The BGRSC and MGRSC oversee and monitor our sustainability performance through updates on ESG matters as well as climate related risks and mitigations, in our Corporate Risk Report.

#### **Strategy**

Disclose the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the organisation's businesses, strategy and financial • planning where such information is material.

- The PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0 outlines the mitigation strategies and action plans to be implemented for different time horizons (short, medium and long term) in addressing a wide range of sustainability matters, including climate-related risks and opportunities.
- Our materiality assessment conducted in 2024 helps identify and prioritise key material matters that are embedded into our strategies and operations.

#### **Risk Management**

Disclose how the organisation identifies, assesses and manages climate-related risks.

- We are guided by our Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Framework, which outlines the approach towards risk management at all levels of our organisation. This includes the identification, assessment and monitoring of various categories of risks, inclusive of climate-related ones.
- Climate-related risks are identified, assessed and managed by the Business Function Risk Registers (BFRR). Key risks emerging from the BFRR are escalated and highlighted in our Corporate Risk Report and subsequently monitored through periodical reporting to the MGRSC and BGRSC.

#### **Metrics and Targets**

and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities where such information is material.

- Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess The PLUS Green Roadmap 2.0 focuses on propelling us towards becoming a net zero organisation. It covers a second greenhouse gas (GHG) baseline study covering Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions sources, the development of our 2050 net zero journey, our GHG mitigation strategies to achieve our targeted emissions reductions.
  - Apart from GHG related metrics, opportunities enabled through energy management initiatives are measured through electricity and carbon avoidance savings. These measurements include historical figures from the baseline year for tracking and trend analysis.

### **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Content Index**

Statement of use PLUS has reported in accordance with the GRI Standards for the period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.		PLUS has reported in accordance with the GRI Standards for the period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.
	GRI 1 used	GRI 1 : Foundation 2021
	Applicable GRI Sector Standard(s)	Not applicable

ESG Pillar	GRI Standard	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Page reference and reasons for omissions, if applicable		
	General Disclosures					
	GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021	The organisa	ation and its reporting practices			
		2-1	Organisational details	15 - 19		
		2-2	Entities included in the organisation's sustainability reporting			
		2-3	Reporting period, frequency and contact point	1		
		2-4	Restatements of information			
		Activities and workers				
		2-6	Activities, value chain and other business relationships	16 - 19, 139		
		2-7	Employees	132		
		Governance				
		2-9	Governance structure and composition			
		2-11	Chair of the highest governance body			
		2-12	Role of the highest governance body in overseeing the management of impacts	21, 41		
		2-13	Delegation of responsibility for managing impacts			
		2-14	Role of the highest governance body in sustainability reporting			
		2-15	Conflicts of interest			
		2-16	Communication of critical concerns	145		
		2-23	Policy commitments			
		2-24	Embedding policy commitments	35 - 45		
		2-28	Membership associations	38		

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ESG Pillar	GRI Standard	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Page reference and reasons for omissions, if applicable
	Climate Action			
	GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3	Management of material topics	77
	GRI 302: Energy	302-1	Energy consumption within the organization	82
	2016	302-4	Reduction of energy consumption	10, 78 - 83, 86
		302-5	Reductions in energy requirements of products and services	78 - 81
7	GRI 305:	305-1	Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions	
Ż	Emissions 2016	305-2	Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions	86
Z		305-3	Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions	
Ž		305-5	Reduction of GHG emission	10, 78 - 86
R	Pollution Manage	ment		
ENVIRONMENTAL	GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3	Management of material topics	87
	GRI 303: Water	303-1	Interactions with water as a shared resource	88 - 89
	and Effluents 2018	303-2	Management of water discharge-related impacts	10.00
		303-4	Water discharge	10, 92
		303-5	Water consumption	88
	GRI 306: Waste 2020	306-2	Management of significant waste-related impacts	10, 87 - 89

ESG Pillar	GRI Standard	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Page reference and reasons for omissions, if applicable
	Employee Wellbeing			
	GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3	Management of material topics	120
	GRI 403:	403-1	Occupational health and safety management system	120 - 125
	Occupational	403-2	Hazard identification, risk assessment and incident investigation	123
	Health and Safety	403-3	Occupational health services	120 - 127
	2018	403-4	Worker participation, consultation and communication on occupational health and safety	104 105
		403-5	Worker training on occupational health and safety	121 - 125
		403-6	Promotion of worker health	126 - 128
		403-9	Work-related injuries	125
SOCIAL	GRI 404: Training and Education 2016	404-2	Programs for upgrading employee skills and transition assistance programs	133 - 135
S	Human Rights			
	GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3	Management of material topics	129
	GRI 401: Employment 2016	401-2	Benefits provided to full-time employees that are not provided to temporary or part-time employee	400
		401-3	Parental leave	133
	GRI 405: Diversity and Equal Opportunity 2016	405-1	Diversity of governance bodies and employees	132
	GRI 409: Forced or Compulsory Labour 2016	409-1	Operations and suppliers at significant risk for incidents of forced or compulsory labor	131

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ESG Pillar	GRI Standard	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Page reference and reasons for omissions, if applicable		
	Community Investment					
SIAL	GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3	Management of material topics	139		
SOCIA	GRI 413: Local Communities 2016	413-1	Operations with local community engagement, impact assessments and development programs	68-71, 139 - 141		
	Group Standards And Operating Procedures					
NCE	GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3	Management of material topics	143		
A	GRI 205: Anti-	205-1	Operations assessed for risks related to corruption	146 - 147		
RNA	Corruption 2016	205-2	Communication and training about anti-corruption policies and procedures	148 - 149		
GOVEI	GRI 204: Procurement 2016	204-1	Proportion of spending on local suppliers	13, 154 - 157		
	GRI 207: Tax 2019	207-3	Stakeholder engagement and management of concerns related to tax	139		

### SUSTAINING THE MOMENTUM

PLUS' third voluntary Sustainability Report details the progress achieved across the Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) pillars in 2023 and 2024. The integration of sustainability into our planning, operations and decision-making reflects our ongoing commitment to responsible highway management.

We will continue to enhance transparency and strengthen our reporting practices, guided by the principles that have shaped our work to date. Still, the real test lies beyond these pages. Progress toward a greener, smarter and more resilient highway network is not a box we can tick. It takes persistence, clarity and tougher conversations about what truly works. Achieving this vision will require sustained focus, strong partnerships and a clear commitment to act. PLUS is ready to deliver on that promise.



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