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German delegation arrives in Malaysia to strengthen partnerships in waste management, recycling and circular economy

The five-day business initiation trip connects German technology providers with Malaysian companies, project developers, and public-sector stakeholders as the country accelerates its shift towards a circular economy.

Key Highlights

- The Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MGCC) is hosting a German business delegation of seven waste management and recycling technology providers in Malaysia from 28 September to 2 October 2026, organised with SBS systems for business solutions GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE).
- The programme includes a conference and meetings with JPSPN, SWCorp, URBANICE Malaysia and Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ), and site visits to RISE in Batu Caves, Shan Poornam Metals at Cenviro in Port Dickson and the Bukit Tagar Enviro Park.
- The delegation supports Malaysia's Circular Economy Blueprint for Solid Waste (2025–2035), which targets diverting 53 per cent of waste from landfill by 2035, with German expertise in sorting, recycling, material recovery and waste treatment.

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 September 2026 – The Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MGCC) is hosting a delegation of seven technology and solution providers from the German waste management and recycling sector to explore business opportunities in Malaysia from 28 September to 2 October 2026.

The programme aims to give Malaysian businesses direct access to proven German solutions in waste collection, sorting, recycling and material recovery, while supporting Malaysia's transition from a landfill-dependent system towards a more regulated, technology-driven circular economy. The majority of the country's waste still ends up in landfills, many of which are ageing or nearing capacity. Recent policy measures, including the Circular Economy Blueprint for Solid Waste in Malaysia (2025–2035), which targets diverting 53 per cent of waste from landfill by 2035, and a planned Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme, are creating growing demand for efficient sorting, recycling and resource-recovery technologies, and opening up new opportunities for private-sector players in recycling and industrial waste treatment.

“Malaysia has set a clear direction: less waste going to landfill and more value recovered from what is thrown away. Getting there takes more than policy; it takes the right technology, adapted to local conditions, and backed by partners committed for the long term. German companies bring decades of experience in exactly that. Through this delegation, we want Malaysian businesses and authorities to meet these solution providers face to face, test ideas against real needs and build partnerships that last well beyond this week,” said Hannes Farlock, Executive Director of MGCC.

The five-day programme features a conference and business networking session in Kuala Lumpur where the German companies present their technologies to an expected audience of around 100 participants from Malaysia's public and private sectors, followed by individually arranged B2B meetings matched to each participant's business objectives. The delegates will also meet key public-sector stakeholders, including the National Solid Waste Management Department (JPSPN), the Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp), URBANICE Malaysia and Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ). Site visits include the Recovery Initiative Sustainable Eco Facility (RISE) in Batu Caves, Shan Poornam Metals at Cenviro's plant in Port Dickson, and the Bukit Tagar Enviro Park in Hulu Selangor, one of Southeast Asia's largest sanitary landfills.

The delegation comprises Eggersmann GmbH, Flottweg SE, Naue GmbH & Co. KG, Recco Deutschland GmbH, Tholander Ablufttechnik GmbH, Tomra Sorting GmbH and Westeria Fördertechnik GmbH. Their

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expertise spans mobile shredding and screening machinery, mechanical separation technology, geosynthetics for environmental and infrastructure engineering, non-ferrous metal recovery from incinerator bottom ash, exhaust air purification, sensor-based sorting, and recycling and material handling equipment.

The business initiation trip is organised by MGCC in cooperation with SBS systems for business solutions GmbH (SBS), on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE). It forms part of the ministry's Market Development Programme for SMEs and the Export Initiative Environmental Technologies.

Germany is the European Union's leading recycler of municipal waste, recycling or composting around 67 per cent in 2024 – well above the EU average of 48 per cent, according to Eurostat. German environmental technology is recognised worldwide for its quality, reliability and efficiency.

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