

## BIMB AND UTM PROVIDES SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRIC SUPPLY TO FISHING COMMUNITY IN JOHOR

The initiative seals BIMB's commitment in promoting sustainable living

**MERSING, Friday, [31 December 2021]:** Committed to catalyse its Islamic social finance impact on society and the environment, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad ("BIMB"), in partnership with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia ("UTM") recently completed the Photovoltaic ("PV") Solar Energy System Project at Perkampungan Rumah Rakit, Tanjung Surat, Johor Darul Takzim.

The project worth RM87,800 is funded from Sadaqa House social crowdfunding and will provide solar-powered electric supply to the community living on raft houses in the area. The environment-friendly method also offers cost-saving and access to safer energy supply to the homes involved.

The solar panels can generate a power supply for 48 hours without sunlight. Thus, an ideal and sustainable option for rural or isolated areas. Usage of solar panels will also benefit the environment as they can reduce carbon emissions generated from diesel-powered generator sets used by the community as means of electric power.

The project also serves as a training ground for students from Institut Latihan Perindustrian ("ILP") Kepala Batas and Pasir Gudang, Politeknik Ibrahim Sultan and Politeknik Port Dickson.

The partnership is the continuation of the successful solar energy pioneer project, Eco-Balai Rawatan, held at Kampung Orang Asli Pucur, Kluang in 2017 and Kampung Orang Asli Woh Intake Tapah, Perak in 2020, which benefitted more than 90 villagers there.

Group Chief Executive Officer Mohd Muazzam Mohamed said, "Access to clean and safe energy is the basis of community development. Therefore, we hope that the

residents can comfortably carry out their daily tasks. BIMB will continuously support projects or efforts to improve societal quality of life. To date, BIMB has distributed almost RM300,000 in providing solar panels for the benefit of more than 220 residents through the Sadaqa House and UTM partnership."

The environment-friendly solar energy system support is parallel to the United Nations ("UN") global objective, specific to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Development Goal ("SDG") to provide access to affordable and clean energy.

BIMB Group Chief Executive Officer, Mohd Muazzam Mohamed and UTM Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Hamdan Hj Ahmad completed the handover ceremony of Projek Tenaga Elektrik Solar Rumah Rakit Tanjung Surat held on 28 December 2021 at Masjid Az-Zahidin, Tanjung Surat. In attendance, BIMB Group Chief Financial Inclusion Officer, Mohd Nazri Chik; Chairman UTM School of Engineering, Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd Wazir Bin Mustafa; UTM Senior Professor and Head, Projek Tenaga Elektrik Solar Rumah Rakit Tanjung Surat, Johor and Tanjung Surat Village Chief, Amin A Rahman.

During the event, BIMB also contributed household essentials to disadvantaged families and handed a contribution of RM5,000 to Masjid Az-Zahidin, Tanjung Surat.

The BIMB-UTM Solar PV Energy System Project was recently awarded 'The Company of The Year for Outstanding Community Support' at the Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2021.

"We are grateful to UTM for the continuous support as our strategic partner, especially in sharing their expertise and technology developed. BIMB hopes to encourage sustainable living practice for a better future for everybody through a similar initiative," explains Mohd Muazzam.

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