

Melaka Citizens' Pledge for Resilience

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We, the proud citizens, of Melaka recognise that we have a national and global responsibility to preserve its historical and cultural values and significance while ensuring our wellbeing and viable growth. We are delighted that our State is a forerunner in adopting and developing green action plans and is making substantial efforts and investments towards a resilient and sustainable future for us and our generations to come.

We are aware that the risks posed by climate change, natural disasters, and challenges that afflict an increasingly globalised world that we live in, are global issues, but that they require appropriate local actions. As the life-force that drives our beautiful State of Melaka, we, its citizens, acknowledge that each one of us has an inherent responsibility to contribute towards making it green, inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

On the occasion of the closing of the 2nd Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress that brought together around 500 representatives from over 30 countries from Asia-Pacific and beyond to help identify innovative and implementable solutions that are inclusive, equitable, and which create lasting impacts for sustainable and resilient urban development; we the citizens of Melaka pledge to:

1. **Engage** earnestly with the Melaka State Government to support them in implementing and achieving their goals for making Melaka green, resilient and sustainable;
2. **Ensure** that the women and men of Melaka equally participate in the process of sustainable development and that those who are socially and economically the most vulnerable are also included;
3. **Encourage** the youth and young professionals of Melaka to actively engage in the planning and management of their State through their innovative ideas and solutions to address the impacts of disasters and climate change, and for transitioning to a low carbon, green pathway for growth;
4. **Participate actively and contribute** towards capacity building, awareness generation, and community mobilisation initiatives organised by the Melaka State Government, its Local Authorities, or any other institution, so that through collective action we are able to make Melaka green, resilient and sustainable;
5. **Commit** to doing everything in our capacity to keep Melaka, clean, green, and safe, and to use all resources in an efficient manner so that the environmental impacts of our actions are minimised;
6. **Inculcate** in our children values and green practices that will enable them to be responsible citizens of Melaka.

We, the proud people of Melaka, pledge to the above, because we are responsible citizens of our State and of the world that is in our safekeeping for the generations to come.