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CGIF supports ASEAN's First Green Sukuk for Data Center, with ADB and Malaysian banks

Manila, 12 August 2026 – Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility ("CGIF"), a trust fund of the Asian Development Bank ("ADB"), is pleased to announce its participation in a club deal alongside local financial institutions and the ADB for a RM2.6 billion Shariah-compliant Sukuk Wakalah Programme ("Sukuk Programme") established by Sime Darby Property NEV (Holdings) Sdn Bhd ("SDP NEV").

The Sukuk Programme has a tenor of up to seven (7) years and is split into two tranches: a Secured Tranche subscribed by ADB, Maybank Islamic Berhad, and OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad, and a Guaranteed Tranche subscribed solely by Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad. CGIF serves as the sole financial guarantor for the Guaranteed Tranche, providing a guarantee of up to RM232.5 million.

Proceeds from the issuance will support SDP NEV's development pipeline in Malaysia, including the construction of (i) two hyperscale data centers aimed at strengthening the country's position as a competitive hub and regional leader for digital economy, and (ii) a distribution warehouse for a leading local wholesale and retail group.

The sukuk for data center financing qualifies as a Green Sukuk instrument under internationally recognized sustainable bond standards, receiving a "Gold" Impact Assessment rating from MARC Solutions, and marking ASEAN's first green sukuk dedicated to digital infrastructure.

Maybank Investment Bank Berhad ("MIB") acts as the Sole Principal Adviser and Sole Lead Arranger for the Sukuk Programme, while Maybank Islamic Bank Berhad serves as the Shariah Adviser. MIB and ADB jointly serve as Sustainability Structuring Advisers.

SDP NEV is an investment holding company of New Economy Venture ("NEV Fund"), a real estate development fund of Sime Darby Property Berhad ("Sime Darby Property"). The NEV Fund is the first fund in Malaysia to adopt ADB's Environmental and Social Standards, demonstrating its commitment to internationally recognized best practices in environmental and social risk management and sustainability.

Ms. Noriko Nasu, Chief Executive Officer of CGIF stated, "CGIF is pleased to have acted as the sole Financial Guarantor of the Guaranteed Tranche of this landmark transaction that uniquely features local financiers and multilaterals. This transaction strongly reinforces our commitment to advance sustainable infrastructure development, strengthen local capital markets, and mobilize private sector investment to support environmentally responsible projects in the region. Our participation also reflects our ability to support large-scale transactions in the region's expanding pipeline of green and digital infrastructure initiatives."

Dato' Seri Azmir Merican, Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Sime Darby Property said, "We are the first developer in Malaysia to bridge Sukuk financing with an institutional real estate private equity structure, supported by a 'Gold' graded Green Finance Framework that reinforces our commitment to sustainable growth and disciplined capital management. The RM2.6 billion Sukuk Programme marks a defining milestone in our SHIFT32 transformation, strengthening Sime Darby Property's position in the rapidly growing new economy sector. As the general partner and manager of the NEV Fund, we are creating an institutional investment platform that enables us to develop high-quality build-to-suit assets required by global technology operators programmatically."

YM Raja Datin Paduka Teh Maimunah Raja Abdul Aziz, Bank Islam Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "Our participation in this landmark Green Sukuk transaction reflects Bank Islam's strength in delivering innovative Shariah-compliant and sustainable financing solutions that support Malaysia's growth priorities. As demand for responsible investment continues to accelerate, we remain committed to partnering with our clients and stakeholders to channel capital towards projects that drive economic progress, strengthen national competitiveness and create sustainable value for future generations."

About CGIF

CGIF is a multilateral facility established by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") members, China, Japan, Korea ("ASEAN+3") and Asian Development Bank ("ADB"). It is established as a trust fund of ADB with paid-in capital of USD 1,158 million from its Contributors. As a key component of the Asian Bond Markets Initiative ("ABMI"), CGIF was established to develop and strengthen local currency and regional bond markets in the ASEAN+3 region. CGIF commenced its guarantee operations on 1 May 2012 and seeks to provide credit enhancements, mainly in local currencies, issued by creditworthy ASEAN+3-domiciled bond issuers.

Also, as a contributor to CGIF, ADB acts as the Secretariat to ABMI, and has long worked with ASEAN+3 policymakers to establish the ASEAN+3 Multi-Currency Bond Issuance Framework ("AMBIF"). The ABMI, CGIF, and AMBIF were established to support development of active long-term local currency bond markets so borrowers can avoid the currency and maturity bond mismatches that caused the 1997-1998 Asian Financial Crisis.

About Sime Darby Property NEV (Holdings) Sdn Bhd

Sime Darby Property NEV (Holdings) Sdn Bhd is an investment holding company launched by Sime Darby Property Berhad. With over 50 years of experience, Sime Darby Property is one of Malaysia's largest property developers with active investments in residential, commercial, and industrial land segments. It has recently diversified into digital infrastructure.

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