



GAGA Green & Geopark Excellence Awards 2025

Highlights



GAGA 2025: A Proven Track Record

- 1 GAGA, 2 Events: Awards + Zero Waste Management Conference
- 30 Award Winners | 100 Eco-Warriors | 300 Celebrants
- Successfully held at Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark



About GAGA

- The Green and Geopark Excellence Awards is an international platform recognising environmental leadership.
- Established in 2025 under ASEAN+1 (China), it promotes responsible tourism, conservation, and climate action.
- GAGA sets benchmarks for sustainable geopark development.
- GAGA 2025 brought together leaders, communities, and practitioners committed to sustainability.
- The event celebrated initiatives shaping responsible relationships between people, place, and planet.



Awards Process

- Transparent evaluation led by regional and international experts
- Criteria included innovation, sustainability impact, community engagement, and replicability



Judging Panel

- Prof Emeritus Dato' Dr Ibrahim Komoo, leading geoscientist and sustainability advocate
- Dr Azmil Munif Bukhari, GGN/APGN Committee Member and Geopark Evaluator
- Mr Pung Kim Ying, Veteran Media Practitioner
- Assoc Prof Dato' Dr Kamarulzaman Abdul Ghani, President of Friends of Langkawi Geopark (FLAG) and Geopark ICON
- Adjunct Prof Anthony Wong, United Nations Sustainability Expert



GAGA 2025 at a Glance



- 300 attendees
- 30 award recipients across government, private sector, communities, and individuals
- Guest of Honour: YB Nga Kor Ming, Minister of Housing and Local Government and UN-Habitat Assembly President



GAGA 2025 in Photos



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Zero Waste Management Conference Impact



- Full-day conference held alongside GAGA 2025
- Attended by over 100 participants
- 9 local and regional speakers
- Strong engagement from policymakers, corporates & NGOs

Zero Waste Management Conference in Photos



Conference Speakers



DR. AZMIL MUNIF MOHD BUKHARI

TOURISM & GEOPARK
MANAGER FOR LADA &
LANGKAWI UNESCO
GLOBAL GEOPARK REP

"Langkawi Sustainability
Tourism Initiative and
Geopark Management"



ADJ. PROF ANTHONY WONG
UNDP
Sustainability
Expert

"Hospitality with a Purpose: A Living
Model of the 17 SDG Goals"



JOSEPHINE TAN
Penang Green
Council, General
Manager.

"Role to play in ensuring that we do
not pass down a world beyond repair
on to our children."



SUE YEE KHOR
Founder &
Director, Zero
Waste Malaysia

"Grassroots Mobilization, Education
Campaigns, Systems Change"



INDRA WAHYUNI
Program
Manager of Zero
Waste Cities
PPLH Bali

"Education for Sustainable
Development"



RIDZWA A. FATHAN
Director, Citylab Studio
fascinated by CITIES* growth
towards hyperdensity and
complexity, its conflicts and
harmonies with the NATURAL
ecology.

Walk the Talk: An architect's Futuristic
Langkasuka Floating City
If only visionary Ridzwa A Fathan has his way



DR. ARLEN ANGELADA-ANCHETA
Professor of Environmental
Management & Sustainability
Studies
University of Santo Tomas
(UST) in Manila, Philippines

"Zero Waste, Climate Change, and
Sustainable Development."



SHIBU K. NAIR
Organics
Campaigner –
GAIA Asia Pacific

"GAIA Asia Pacific Leading the Anti -
Incinerator campaign - Global Outreach &
Its Challenges"



ALLAN LAU
Sustainable Innovation
advocate
Environmental Social and
Governance (ESG) accredited
trainer

"Circularity as a Catalyst for Malaysia's Net
Zero Goals"

Sustainable Fashion Show



- A sustainable fashion show during the GAGA 2025 gala dinner featured designs made from upcycled materials, organic fibres, and zero-waste techniques
- The showcase reinforced GAGA's message of embedding sustainability across industries

Community Engagement



- *Waste to Art* pieces created by school children, which instill a love for upcycling, the geopark, and sustainability, were gifted to all award winners
- Dato' Nancy Yeoh, the recipient of the Sustainable Fashion Icon award, was garbed in a sustainable creation fashioned from paper strips

Commendations



YB Nga Kor Ming

Minister of Housing and Local
Government and UN-Habitat
Assembly President

“It is a profound honour to be here tonight at GAGA 2025, an event that celebrates sustainability, environmental stewardship, and the conservation of our geological heritage, which has been recognised by UNESCO. This award represents far more than a recognition of excellence. It reflects our shared commitment to safeguard precious ecosystems and championing a future where all can thrive through sustainable development that align with Malaysia Madani aspirations.

I would like to commend the organisers of the GAGA Awards for empowering individuals and organisations, who will work tirelessly to educate communities, preserve our natural heritage, and pave the way for sustainable progress.”



Commendations



Datu Hamden Haji Mohammad
Director of Forests,
Forest Department Sarawak

“Winning four GAGA 2025 awards is an extraordinary honour for the Forest Department Sarawak. It is a clear validation of our commitment to sustainable forest management, conservation excellence and responsible leadership.

These awards reflect the hard work, discipline and integrity demonstrated by our officers on the ground and at headquarters. Most importantly, this recognition reinforces our belief that Sarawak's forest sector can be a world-class model of sustainability, innovation, and community-centred conservation.”

Commendations



Munzir Musa

Head of Strategy, CEO Office
Penang Port Sdn. Bhd.

“My team and I attended this zero-waste conference, and we found it highly informative. There were many things we were not aware of before attending, such as No Burn, GAIA, and several case studies related to the zero-waste movement.

There were many valuable insights and practical takeaways that we can apply, including the work of organisations such as, not only individually but also as a team, within our company. It was a very good conference, and we hope to see this event continue in the future.”



Commendations



Dr Azmil Mohd Munif Bukhari
Executive Board member of the
worldwide Global Geoparks
Network

“The Green and Geopark Awards (GAGA) 2025 was a prestigious and inspiring platform that celebrated excellence and innovation among UNESCO Global Geoparks worldwide. It reaffirmed the Global Geopark Network’s (GGN) strong commitment to sustainability, community empowerment, and the global recognition of geoparks as catalysts for responsible development.”



GAGA 2025 Media Coverage Overview



- GAGA 2025 received coverage across print, online, and broadcast media
- Total media mentions: 37
- Estimated cumulative reach: 10 million views
- Estimated media value: RM500,000



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Langkawi working towards becoming a zero-waste destination

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