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**ENVIRONMENTAL** sustainability relies on conditions that facilitate harmony between humans and the natural world. Due to industrialisation, the symbiotic relationship has been detrimentally altered. Hence, businesses are increasingly expected to make vital and necessary changes to its practices. To make a greater impact, bigger organisations are consequently exhorted to support non-governmental organisations (NGO) in their environmental saving efforts.

Shell Malaysia, one of the largest international investors in Malaysia's energy sector, is also a supporter of NGOs that are invested in environmentally sustainable efforts as well as community programmes. Working in collaboration with businesses, governments and civil society, including non-governmental organisations (NGOs), Shell's approach to sustainability works across three levels:

1. Running a safe, efficient, responsible and profitable business
2. Bringing wider benefits to the communities and countries in which it operates
3. Shaping a path to a sustainable energy future

In 2014, Shell Malaysia awarded RM294,000 to six organisations under its Shell Sustainable Grants programme. The programme, inter alia, covers environmental conservation and community development. Shell Malaysia chairman Iain Lo said: "These projects are distinguished by the long-term difference they will make to the host communities in environmental conservation and sustaining livelihoods."

The six organisations awarded are:

1. UK Marine Conservation Society
2. Persatuan Ibu Bapa & Guru Guru SK (2) Damansara Jaya
3. Enactus Universiti Utara Malaysia
4. Land Empowerment Animals People (LEAP)



Shell Malaysia chairman Iain Lo (5th from left) and Natural Resource and Environment Minister Datuk Seri G. Palanivel with the recipients of the Shell Sustainable Development Grants

5. Caring Community Centre
6. Biji Biji

Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Datuk Seri G. Palanivel was the guest of honour at the awards ceremony. He asserted that Shell's efforts are significant

for two reasons:

- 1) That the national economy is inter-related with our capability to conserve natural resources and safeguard our environment
- 2) It reflects the growing involvement of businesses in the conservation of our nation's rich natural heritage.

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