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## **SHAPING THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

**“PAVING THE WAY TO THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE:  
How ESG Impact Measurement and Blockchain Can Shape the Asset Class”**

**Kuala Lumpur, 19 June 2019** – The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) today organised its inaugural **3-5 Afternoon Insights** on sustainable infrastructure at the Sunway University. Today’s session was themed, “PAVING THE WAY TO THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE: How ESG Impact Measurement and Blockchain Can Shape the Asset Class”.

Infrastructure is the backbone for sustainable development, without which the UN Sustainable Development Goals cannot be realised. But financing sustainable infrastructure is a challenging task. In this session, our guest speakers from International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) presented two compelling ideas that can shape the future of how sustainable infrastructure is financed and deployed globally:

- 1) ESG impact assessment- Sustainable Asset Valuation
- 2) Digitalisation – financing infrastructure through blockchain

The moderated panel discussion saw a dynamic and fruitful discussion between our esteemed guest speakers from IISD, Oshani Perera, Director, Public Procurement and Infrastructure Finance, and David Uzsoki, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Finance and Infrastructure, of the IISD. The session was moderated by Professor Yeah Kim Leng, Senior Fellow and Director of the Economics Studies Programme at the Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia.

“We are pleased to announce a new afternoon series, ‘3-5 Afternoon Insights’ which gathers the private and the public sectors, industry players and relevant civil society groups in comprehensive discussions focusing on social development agenda and its critical ideas for reform,” said **Melissa Ong, CEO of ASLI**.

She also added, “This afternoon talk series demonstrates ASLI’s staunch commitment to create a better society by championing and ultimately shaping global agendas such as the sustainable infrastructure relevant for policy-making processes going forward.”

**3-5 Afternoon Insights** is a signature talk series focusing on social development agenda, and its critical areas for strengthening and reform. This series engages leading figures in the various fields of social development, sharing their insights on the latest initiatives, trends, challenges and solutions in the global movement towards a better and more sustainable future for all. The areas of discussion range from poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, peace and justice. ASLI champions the social development agenda through partnerships between the public and private sectors, civil society organisations and citizens in ensuring a better planet for the future generations.

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