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**Tale of Two Islands: How West Java and Penang Stay Resilient amid Climate Change**

Local government leaders flex political muscle as they lean on technology and tap green financing and other innovative approaches to bolster resilience against climate change and other disruptions.

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**ADB Financing Partners Mobilized \$1.1 Billion for Southeast Asian Countries in 2021**

The funding supported developing member countries' COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery interventions, says ADB's Partnership Report 2021.

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**\$3-Million Asia Seed Fund Unveiled to Fight Climate Change, Drive Sustainability**

Set up by AVPN, with support from Google.org and ADB, the seed fund will finance innovative tech-driven solutions championed by nonprofit organizations in Asia Pacific.

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**Does Indonesia's Carbon Tax Have the Power to Trigger a Sustainable Market Shift?**

While a remarkable step for Indonesia's climate goal, the carbon tax needs to be accompanied by sufficient renewable energy alternatives and low-emission technology for it to create incentives to reduce emissions.

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**5 Ways Companies Can Become More Sustainable**

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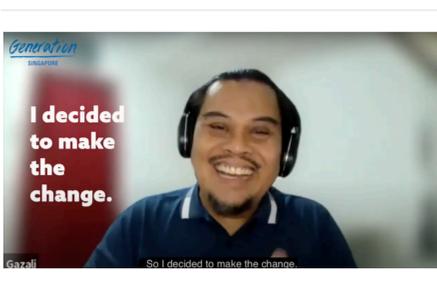


**Inclusive Education in Asia: Myth or Reality?**

While many Southeast Asian nations have aggressively shifted into the digital economy, when it comes to education, the advances are not reaching all places and groups at the same rate.

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**Seasoned Driver with Passion for Computers Turns Web Developer**

Shifting careers at any age is not for the faint of heart, but Gazali Ahmad from Singapore took the challenge at 53, armed with the skills he learned from an intensive training course on web development.

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**Understanding the Equal Distribution of Tourism's Benefits**

Time for the tourism industry to stop harping on the need to ensure equal distribution of benefits and try to better understand what equal distribution actually means.

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**Implementing a Green Recovery in Southeast Asia**



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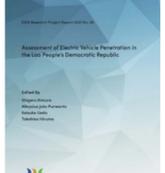


**Partnership Report 2021: Partnerships for a Green, Inclusive, and Resilient Recovery**



This report highlights the work of ADB and its partners in cofinancing development work in 2021, balancing the need to address short-term COVID-19 response with ensuring longer-term pandemic recovery. Visit the [microsite](#).

**Assessment of Electric Vehicle Penetration in the Lao People's Democratic Republic**



This report analyzes the positive and negative impacts of shifting to electric vehicles from internal combustion engines vehicles. [Download](#).



**Mobile-Assisted Language Teaching: A Systematic Review with Implications for Southeast Asia**



This report reviews the different strategies Southeast Asian countries employed in mobile-assisted language learning and teaching. [Download](#).



**Events**

**Implementing a Green Recovery in Southeast Asia**

6 July 2022 | 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m., Manila Time

A green recovery approach is crucial for Southeast Asia in addressing the worsening impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss and strengthening the region's long-term competitiveness.

This webinar will examine how green growth opportunities can be harnessed as governments increasingly recognize the need for policy measures that focus on environmental sustainability, climate change, and disaster preparedness.

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