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**W**HILE many Malaysians associate Alam Flora as a company that collects and disposes of rubbish and waste on a daily basis from offices, businesses, homes and shopping centres, the company is actually more than just that.

The subsidiary of Malakoff Corporation Berhad is a forward thinking company with a subsidiary that is both committed and focused on sustainability and better, proper waste management for a cleaner, brighter future for all.

This fully-owned subsidiary is known as Alam Flora Environmental Solutions (AFES), which has been around since 2013. Formerly known as DRB-HICOM Environmental Services (DHES), it had recently undergone a rebranding exercise using the current name to better reflect its beyond waste solution value proposition.

It offers holistic environmental solutions from its core business activities - Asset and Facilities Management (AFM), Infrastructure Cleansing and Waste Solutions (ICWS) and Waste Management Facility (WMF), through sustainable development which harnesses the latest technological development and advancements that supports the global goals introduced by the United Nations, The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

When met at Fasiliti Inovasi Kitar Semula (FIKS) in Precinct 5 here recently, AFES chief operations officer (COO) Nazar Abd Raof, was found not in his office but on the ground together with the staff who were busy sorting and separating all the waste that had just come in at the Integrated Recycling Facility (IRF).

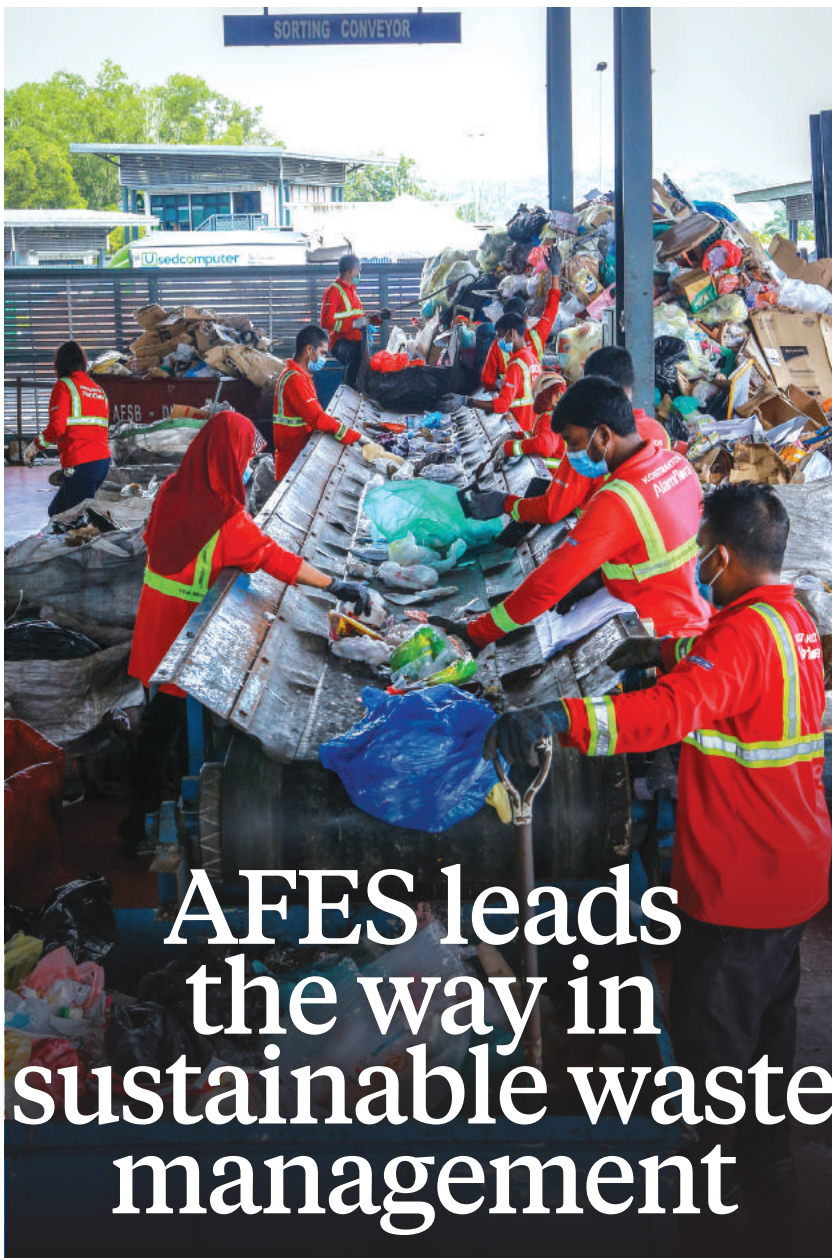
He later explained why the company is vehemently pursuing sustainable development by way of integrated waste management.

"Sustainability and a better, more environment-friendly integrated waste management system is vital for the country's future, as not only will it address issues such as waste disposal, poverty and inequality, but it will allow for everyone to enjoy a better, healthier life through better waste management and disposal services which reduces the amount and level of harm and pollution to the environment in the long run.

"The previous practice of waste management sees all the waste and rubbish collected being sent to landfills, but as the country and economy grows, landfills are no longer a feasible means of waste disposal as land is becoming scarcer and costlier, and landfills also have a harmful effect on the environment. This is where AFES comes in to provide advancements and explore new technologies and solutions for better waste management," Nazar shared, adding that Alam Flora together with AFES go the extra mile to do what other waste concessionaires have yet to do.

As an example, he cited the latest integrated waste management model that has been developed for Malaysia Airports Berhad (MAB), a sustainability partner of the company.

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a daily basis from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) is no longer just moved to a landfill but instead undergoes a sorting process first.

"We collect more than 100 tonnes of rubbish from KLIA and Putrajaya on a daily basis, and this is where AFES' facilities, FIKS and IRF comes in. All the dry waste such as paper, cardboards, plastics, glass is processed and sorted out for recycling and repurposing, unlike most other

waste disposal concessionaires who send both dry and wet waste such as food waste, directly to the landfill.

"At KLIA for example, we have already set up an operational sorting centre there where our staff are on site to process and aggregate all the waste accordingly, and materials that can be recycled and repurposed are set aside so that not all the waste and rubbish ends up at the landfill. This therefore, reduces dependency on

ners such as MAB. We are also able to provide jobs by employing staff for the centres as well as appointing entrepreneurs with lorries, to carry out all the necessary logistics for the recyclable waste, and we are promoting this model to corporate entities, establishments and businesses here as our country needs such a solution for a more sustainable future," he added.

Nazar pointed out that especially during such tough and trying times where the country and the rest of the world is still grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic, such a business model which promotes sustainability could 'kill two birds with one stone' by addressing the pressing need for improved waste management and also providing a means for an income for both companies and the people.

He also shared that the AFES business model and facilities can also be used to educate the public, especially children, on the importance and need for sustainable practices to safeguard for a better future with a healthier and cleaner surrounding environment.

"FIKS and IRF here in Putrajaya cost more than RM12 million, and we are currently operating 11 other sites as well that incorporate such forward-thinking practices in handling and managing waste in line with our target of providing better, value added services for everyone.

"Once the current restrictions on travel, gatherings and visits are lifted provided it is safe once more, then we will open our doors and welcome all to FIKS, to learn more about how everyone can play their part in one way or another, when it comes to managing waste in line with its tagline, 'come with a purpose, leave with a plan'.

"Sustainability for a better, brighter future is not something that can wait or be put on hold, we need corporate entities, businesses and even communities to come together and embrace such a model because it is a holistic approach in addressing waste that will bear fruit and pay dividends in time to come paving the way in creating the future we want," he stressed.

such a disposal method and is in fact, better for the environment in the long run.

"This is part of our efforts and focus on sustainability, and it's also a form of wealth sharing as the proceeds from the dry waste that is recycled and repurposed, is shared with our part-

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