Malaysian Youth's Attitudes to Green Ideas and Technologies

Background

Youth has always been an asset to a country and also its future, which is full of challenges, especially environmental issues. Thus, youth's attitudes towards green and sustainable technologies will affect how the development of green industries significantly. Here, we take Malaysia's youth as a case of study.

Objectives

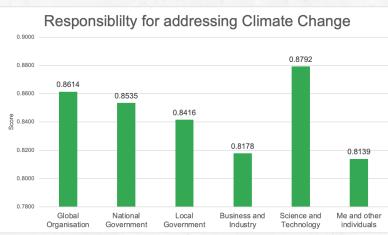
- 1. To study the youth's attitudes towards green and sustainable technologies
- 2.To study the most popular green ideas and technologies among Malaysian's youths
- 3. To contribute in development in green industries in Malaysia.

Methodology

Google form is made and send to students randomly in National University of Malaysia, the sample size is 101 person.

Result Acceptance of green technologies in home for accepting 11% 26% ■ Won't make any difference to my carbon emissions Cost savings Reduce Carbon Footprint Improved comfort Health benefits The result shows that most because of a lack of awareness and because of health benefits and to reduce believe it is **too expensive**

Who is responsible?

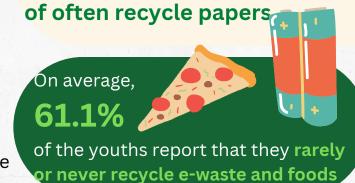


Interesting, according to the survey results most of the participant think that climate change is not the responsibility of us as an individual. While, most of them thought that Science and Technologies are responsible in tackling the issues of climate change. (Score is calculated base on the likert scale)

Reuse and Recycle

64.6%

of the youths report that they always

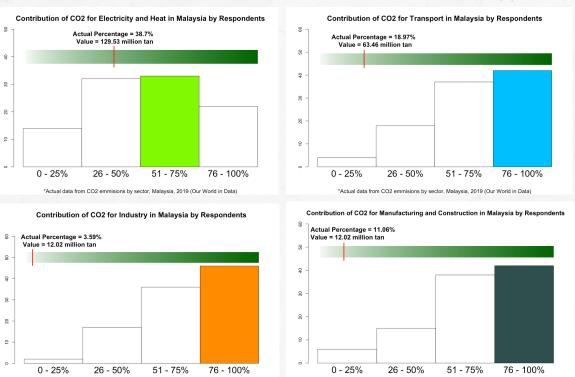


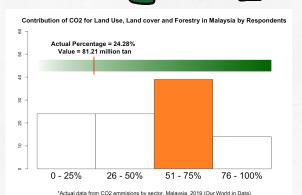
Convienence as the factor for a person decision to recycle of the youth cannot find // a recycle bin nearby



In short, **convienience** is the main deciding factor for a person to recycle or not. **Most of the youth understand the** way to recycle trash. (only at the average 20% of the respondents are unsure how to seperate different recycleable material or not aware of recyclable trash.)

Where do the CO2 came from?





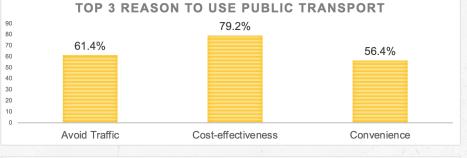
The results show that most of the respondent underestimated the CO2 emission from electricity and heat that we are taking for granted at home compared to the others.

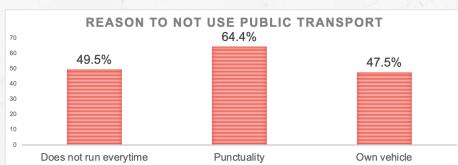
Note: The highlighted bars are the "most popular" response.

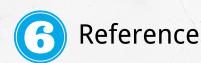












Our World in Data, http://ourworldindata.org "CO2 emission by sector" data

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- 1. According to the survey results, the youth does not put the resposibility of addressing Climate Change onto themselves first. We suggest for more effort in educating the youth about the climate change to make them realise that a small difference from all of us can be significant in saving our planet.
- 2. Most of the youth do not know that Electricity and Heat contributed the most in our world CO2 emission (Our World in Data). Thus, we shall emphasis in buying and using green appliciance compare to the conventionals.
- 3. We should also take account that people want everything to be convenient to themselves. So, we should increase the amount of recycle bin and centre to make everyone start recyling their trash. Especially Food and E-waste.
- 4. Government subsidies more towards the research and development of green technologies in Malaysia and also educate everyone about the technologies.
- 5. Improvement towards public transport especially on their consistency and punctuality is important to urge the public in taking them. We strongly suggest a good KPI system to be implement into our public transport company.