



WD Malaysia Recognized for Advancing Sustainable AI Infrastructure

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Corporate and individual recognitions reflect WD's commitment to responsible manufacturing, workforce development and storage innovation that enables more sustainable AI infrastructure.

SAN JOSE, Calif. & KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 20, 2026-- As AI adoption accelerates globally, so does the need for data infrastructure that can scale responsibly. Western Digital Corporation (Nasdaq: WDC), the sustainable storage foundation of the AI-driven data economy, is committed to helping customers store more data with greater efficiency, reducing the physical footprint, energy consumption, and resources required to support the world's rapidly growing AI workloads.

Today, WD's Malaysia operations gained recognition for that commitment, earning three prestigious recognitions from the Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2026 and the Asia Sustainability Personality Awards 2026, spanning corporate, leadership, and practitioner categories. The honors reflect WD's long-term commitment to embedding sustainability across every layer of its operations – from the manufacturing floors of Sarawak, Penang, and Johor to the data infrastructure powering AI worldwide.

The awards, which are organized by CSR Malaysia Publication and the Corporate Sustainability & Responsibility Malaysia Welfare Society, recognize outstanding corporations that have excelled in helping drive the country's sustainable socio-economic transformation.

WD Malaysia was honored with the Company of the Year Award (Manufacturing & Technology) under the Green Innovation & Sustainability Transformation category at the Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2026. Meanwhile, the Asia Sustainability Personality Awards 2026 gave Dr. Chandramogan Anamirtham, Senior Vice President of Global Operations at WD, the ESG Visionary Leader Award, while Ts. Freddy Kho, Manager of Environmental Health & Safety at WD, was recognized with the Sustainability Practitioner Award. The recognitions reflect WD's long-standing commitment to responsible, sustainable, and future-ready manufacturing operations that are critical for delivering the storage foundation that the world's leading cloud and enterprise customers trust to power their AI infrastructure.

Across its Malaysia operations, WD continues to advance operational excellence, environmental responsibility, and workforce development as part of its broader commitment to meeting global data storage demand. As AI infrastructure expands around the world, innovation in storage efficiency plays an increasingly important role in reducing the environmental impact associated with managing exponentially growing volumes of data. Central to this is WD's focus on developing storage technology that makes AI infrastructure more efficient, helping customers scale AI infrastructure more efficiently including increasing storage density while reducing power consumption, cooling requirements and physical infrastructure.

WD's CSR leadership across Malaysia also supports the company's broader global sustainability targets, including 100% carbon-free energy by FY30 and net zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions by FY32. The WD Sarawak site is also advancing sustainability through a Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) agreement with Sarawak Energy Bhd, enabling 100% Scope 2 market-based emissions reduction since FY2024. This complements WD's advanced substrate production and an enhanced glass substrate facility in supporting AI-driven storage innovation.

Driving sustainability at the corporate and individual levels

The corporate award recognizes WD Malaysia's efforts focused on energy responsibility, resource efficiency, innovation, employee engagement and community impact. Dr. Chandramogan's ESG Visionary Leader Award recognizes his role in championing sustainability as a strategic pillar of responsible manufacturing and business growth, while Ts. Freddy Kho's Sustainability Practitioner Award recognizes his contribution to translating sustainability priorities into operational practices that strengthen WD Malaysia's manufacturing excellence.

Dr. Chandramogan Anamirtham, SVP, Global Operations at WD, shared, "At WD, sustainability is not separate from manufacturing excellence – it is fundamental to how we innovate, operate and grow. Being honoured with these sustainability recognitions reflects the collective dedication of our teams across Malaysia and the world to advance responsible manufacturing and sustainable operations, and create long-term value for our employees, customers, and the broader technology ecosystem."

"As global demand for AI-driven data storage accelerates, our commitment to responsible manufacturing has never been more critical. Every improvement we make in our operations ultimately helps customers build AI infrastructure more efficiently, storing more data while using less power, space, and resources. WD remains committed to advancing that journey through innovation, collaboration, and disciplined execution," he added.

Beyond manufacturing, WD Malaysia invests in initiatives that create long-term value for local communities and the technology

ecosystem. Through education partnerships, STEM programs, employee volunteerism, and community engagement, the company helps nurture future innovators and supports Malaysia's digital and industrial transformation.

These recognitions affirm WD's belief that innovation and sustainability must advance together. Sustainability is no longer just about how technology is manufactured, it is also about how efficiently it enables the world's growing AI infrastructure. As AI continues to drive unprecedented data growth, the future will depend not only on more powerful infrastructure, but on infrastructure that uses resources more efficiently. Through continued innovation in storage density, manufacturing, and operational excellence, WD is helping customers build AI infrastructure that scales both economically and responsibly.

About WD

WD, also known as Western Digital, builds the storage infrastructure that powers certainty in the AI-driven data economy. At the forefront of innovation, WD partners with the world's leading hyperscalers, cloud service providers, and enterprises to deliver reliable storage solutions that are proven and trusted at scale. Driven by a culture of innovation and execution, WD helps customers store, protect, and use the world's data with confidence. Follow WD on LinkedIn and learn more at www.wd.com.

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