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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Esri Malaysia recognised four organisations for excellence in applying Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to strengthen planning, operations and public service delivery at GeoInnovation Malaysia 2026.

The awards highlight national examples of digital spatial transformation that have delivered measurable benefits to communities across Malaysia.

Held under the theme "From Innovation to Impact: Driving Operational Excellence Through Geospatial Intelligence," the event brought together leaders from government and industry to discuss how geospatial intelligence has become mission-critical, supporting infrastructure delivery, municipal operations and national data collaboration.

As Malaysia accelerates its digital economy agenda, the ability to translate data into timely and effective decisions has become a key competitiveness factor.

ICT and e-commerce contributed 23.4 per cent (RM451.3 billion) to the economy in 2024, while smart city adoption

continues to expand, with 75 local authorities recognised under the Malaysia Smart City Rating Programme since 2023.

GIS increasingly serves as the link between digital ambitions and on-the-ground outcomes by enabling faster decisions, better coordination and improved service delivery.

"Malaysia's next phase of growth depends on how well we turn data into better decisions, and location is the common language that connects people, assets, risks and services," said Esri Malaysia chief executive officer Tan Choon Sang.

He said the company supports organisations in embedding spatial intelligence into daily operations to strengthen performance and public outcomes.

Esri Malaysia noted that effective digital transformation goes beyond technology adoption and requires sustained organisational change.

Chief technology strategist Joanne Loh Poh Choo said award-winning projects stood out for delivering measurable results, including time savings,

cost efficiencies, improved coordination and greater transparency.

The Rising Star Award went to Gamuda Engineering Sdn Bhd for its enterprise GIS initiative that created a unified spatial platform across major infrastructure programmes, improving collaboration and accelerating planning cycles.

Meanwhile, three organisations received the Pinnacle Awards, namely Majlis Perbandaran Hulu Selangor, Tenaga Nasional Berhad's Land Management Unit, and Pusat Geospasial Negara.

Other award recipients included Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd, Majlis Bandaraya Seremban and SWM Solutions Sdn Bhd (Pinnacle Awards), as well as PLANMalaysia, Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Terengganu Sdn Bhd and Syarikat Air Perlis Sdn Bhd (Rising Star Awards).



Rising Star Award winners.