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THE 3RD EDITION OF MALAYSIA GOLD CONFERENCE (MGC) 2026 COMMENCES WITH
THE LAUNCH OF MALAYSIA GOLD INDUSTRY PRINCIPLES (MGIP)
STRENGTHENING MALAYSIA'S POSITION AS ASIA'S STRATEGIC PRECIOUS METALS HUB

KUALA LUMPUR, 3RD FEBRUARY 2026 – The Malaysia Gold Association (MGA) officiated the 3rd Edition of the Malaysia Gold Conference (MGC) 2026, here at the JW Marriott Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, today. During the event, the President of MGA, YBhg. Dato' Seri Louis Ng has officially introduced a new initiative led by the Association called the Malaysia Gold Industry Principles (MGIP), which aims to enhance and strengthen the landscape of Malaysia's gold trading industry.

Established in 2014, MGA has been playing a pivotal role ever since to advance the local precious metals industry through various international collaborations and local activities from active involvement in national policy making to maintaining regional gold standards. MGA had previously held the first MGC back in 2023, followed by the second MGC in 2024.

This year, for the 3rd Edition of MGC 2026, the conference has gathered over 300 distinguished guests, regulators, international partners, as well as industry leaders from the precious metals and jewellery sectors from across the globe, under the theme, "Shaping the Future of Asia's Gold Markets".

In this conference, world gold leaders shared valuable insights on global gold market trends, shariah compliance from the regulatory perspectives and implementation models, as well as gold delivery standards and importance of certification. On top of that, MGA had also highlighted Malaysia's strong strategic advantages as one of Asia's most favourable gateways into the regional precious metals and jewellery markets, and how receptive it is as a country for foreign investments and collaborations.

Prior to the commencement of discussion sessions, **Mr. David Tait**, Chief Executive Officer of World Gold Council, had the opportunity to deliver a special address on elevating trust in gold, while **Mr. Zheng Yudong**, Group CEO and Board Member of DK Limited (DK Bank) shared inspiring insights on Sovereign Digital Gold – redefining trust, transparency, and the future of precious metals.

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After that, **Mr. Sunil Kashyap**, Managing Director of FinMet Pte. Ltd. proceeded to moderate the first discussion session where the panel discussed about the Asian gold market in terms of its trends, trade, and transformation, followed by the second session moderated by **Mr. Shirag Sheth**, titled “Bridging East Asia and Middle East Precious Metals Market,” where speakers shared perspectives on their respective countries’ regulatory frameworks, market trends, and expectations for the regional gold industry. They also recommended ways to overcome existing challenges to strengthen the connection between East Asia and the Middle East for a more effective consolidation and regional expansion.

The third session moderated by **Dr. Marjan Muhammad**, Deputy President Research, ISRA Institute and Member, Shariah Advisory Council, Bank Negara Malaysia, featured an engaging and insightful discussion on Shariah compliance from both regulatory and practical implementation perspectives, offering valuable clarity on Islamic governance in the precious metals sector. And in the final session moderated by **Mr. Ronan Manly**, the Precious Metals Ecosystem Manager at the Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC), the discussion centered on the critical role of gold delivery standards, and certification across the entire gold journey – from mine to market, in strengthening global market integrity and trust.

At MGC 2026, YBhg. Dato’ Seri Louis Ng, President of MGA officially announced a new initiative led by MGA called the Malaysia Gold Industry Principles (MGIP), a voluntary self-regulatory framework tailored to Malaysia’s gold value chain.

In partnership with the World Gold Council (WGC) and Malaysian authorities, MGIP is designed to strengthen industry governance across upstream, midstream, and downstream segments – improving traceability, reducing risks, ensuring responsible practices, and enhancing consumer trust in Malaysian gold products that positions Malaysia as a leader in gold industry governance.

According to Dato’ Seri Louis Ng, President of the Malaysia Gold Association (MGA), “In recent years, MGA has driven positive change in Malaysia’s precious metals industry. Through the Malaysia Gold Industry Principles (MGIP), we are strengthening the regulatory environment, building a fully integrated value chain, and aligning with global standards—enabling robust governance, transparency, ESG responsibility, and leadership in Islamic finance under the guidance of the world’s first Shariah Advisory Board established by MGA.”

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In essence, MGC 2026 delivered impactful discussions and forward-looking insights to help shape the future of Asia’s precious metals industry. These exchanges and initiatives reaffirm Malaysia’s significant opportunities to strengthen its position as Asia’s consolidation hub, expand jewellery manufacturing and exports, accelerating the growth of Shariah-compliant and digital gold offerings, as well as advancing its regional leadership in certification and technology.

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About the Malaysia Gold Conference (MGC)

The Malaysia Gold Conference (MGC) is the country’s leading platform for the precious metals and jewellery industry, bringing together global experts, regulators, and industry players to discuss market trends, governance, and innovation. Organised by the Malaysia Gold Association (MGA), MGC supports regional collaboration and highlights Malaysia’s growing role as a strategic hub for gold trading, manufacturing, and Shariah-compliant investment.

About the Malaysia Gold Association (MGA):

MGA represents the full spectrum of Malaysia’s gold industry—from upstream exploration and refining to downstream retail and financial products. Its mission is to promote responsible growth, regulatory alignment, and international collaboration to elevate Malaysia as a premier gold hub in the ASEAN region.

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