Accelerating E-Mobility Adoption: Insights from GEF Projects and Current Development in Malaysia

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Barriers to Accelerating E-Mobility Adoption in Malaysia



• Availability and accessibility: EV charging infrastructure remains inadequately dispersed, falling short of targets (10,000 public charging stations by 2025), with ~60% of 155 local authorities still lacking access.



- Limited affordable EV options (<RM100k) hinder adoption, influenced by governmental policies to protect local automotive industry, as over 70% of buyers prefer vehicles within this price range
- Higher upfront cost e.g. bus electrification, upgrading power availability
- Electric 2 Wheelers **performance is not comparable to ICE motorcycles** or scooters of a similar price range. Cheap fuel price dampen the urgency to shift.



- Despite the environmental benefits and potential long-term savings, many consumers **remain unaware of the advantages of EVs or have misconceptions** about their capabilities.
- Additionally, personal preferences, such as concerns about range, charging infrastructure, and performance, often lead consumers to stick with traditional internal combustion engine vehicles.



- EV is an emerging market of interest by various Ministries which requires coordinated synergies
 - E.g. The charging installation process is **governed by numerous regulators**, prompting government efforts to **streamline** procedures for quicker implementation.
 - Battery management



EV Status in Malaysia

(as of March 2024)



21,421

BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE (BEV)



2,564

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES



151

ELECTRIC BUS



2,288

PUBLIC CHARGING POINTS

3.7kW - AC | 1,785 22 kW - DC | 503







- Malaysia is the leading E&E manufacturing hubs in Southeast Asia
- Malaysia attracted over 30 billion investment (2018 2023) in EV from leading EV manufacturers, battery producer, charging etc



- The EV sales recorded >300% growth in 2023 compared to previous year
- High Total Industry Volume: reaching almost 800k units in 2023
- Local EVs is anticipated by 2025

Supportive policy and governance to transition to cleaner transport

- Low Carbon Mobility Blueprint 2021 -2030, National Energy Transition Roadmap set imperative action plans and targets
- National EV Steering Committee (chaired by Deputy Prime Minister) and National EV Task Force are established to expedite the development and deployment of EV in the country





GEF5-UNIDO Energy Efficient Low-carbon Transport and Low-Carbon Cities Project (2015 -2020) build foundations of EV ecosystem in Malaysia including the establishment of Low Carbon Mobility Blueprint 2021 -2030





GEF7-UNIDO - Accelerating the Adoption of Smart Climate Transport aims to support wider adoption of EVs in Malaysia and also enhance a business sector ecosystem for EVs and sustainable batteries in Malaysia, through 1) improving policy and regulatory framework for EV value chains, and 2) demonstration of innovative electric mobility solutions.

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