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## 'GREEN' SLEEVES

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**Leong Huat (right) tries on a customised blazer made from recycled plastic bottles as Nik Suzila and Chin look on.**

**ONLY** one out of every five plastic bottles make it to the recycling centre. In a push for sustainability, OSK Property has unveiled a new set of staff uniforms made out of 10,000 recycled plastic bottles.

A total of 1,200 custom-made polo T-shirts were manufactured, which will be worn by 500 staff members of the property development group.

As part of its branding exercise to reflect its merger with PJD Group's property division, OSK Property chief executive officer Tan Sri Ong Ghee Bin said the team was instantly drawn to the idea of uniforms made out of recycled polyester fabric.

"We thought it was a good opportunity for us to embrace this new green technology and also a chance for our team to walk the talk," he said.

"We hope this will mark the beginning of OSK Property's sustainability journey and we hope to be able to adopt more green technologies in our operations and developments moving forward."

Ghee Bin said OSK Property will expand its sustainability efforts to involve business associates, customers and stakeholders. He also hopes more organisations will follow suit and support the initiative.

A recycling exercise will also be carried out, whereby plastic bottles from Atria Shopping Gallery and Swiss-Garden hotels will be collected.

Made by Kloth Lifestyle, the joint venture between GreenTech Malaysia Alliances and Kloth Malaysia also celebrated a milestone in its operations.



Each T-shirt is made from 8.5 plastic bottles.

OSK Property is Kloth Lifestyle's first organisational customised corporate wear client.

"We've talked to many groups that believe but have not done anything but in our short interaction with OSK Property, they are doing something — they are taking action," said GreenTech Malaysia Alliances chief executive officer Woon Foo Wen.

Since its inception last year, the company is focused on persuading companies to employ green technology in their supply chain to promote sustainable innovations and solutions.

Kloth Lifestyle executive director Nik Suzila Nik Hassan, whose company was formed to promote, develop and market sustainable products, added the T-shirts are made of 40 per cent recycled polyester and 60 per cent organic cotton.

Each shirt is made out of 8.5 plastic bottles, collected from waste processors and sent to its plant in China where the bottles are shredded, cleaned, turned into pellets and spun into polyester yarn.

Recycled polyester (Polyethylene Terephthalate) uses 90 per cent less water than regular polyester and 70 per cent less energy than virgin fibre production. One kilogramme of recycled polyester saves 60 water bottles out of landfills.

Also present at the launch were OSK Group managing director and chief executive officer Tan Sri Ong Leong Huat and GreenTech Malaysia Corporation group chairman Tan Sri Peter Chin Fah Kui.