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Five local councils commit to low-carbon plan *The Sun 15/12/2015*

PUTRAJAYA: The Low Carbon Society Blueprint 2025 for five local authorities in the economic development corridor of Iskandar Malaysia in Johor was launched here yesterday.

The blueprint was launched by the joint chairmen of the Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA), Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak and Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin after the 18th meeting of IRDA members at Perdana Putra.

IRDA in a statement said the five local authorities are Johor Baru City Council, Johor Baru Tengah Municipal Council, Kulai Municipal Council, Pasir Gudang Municipal Council and Pontian District Council.

According to IRDA, which has been given the mandate to plan, promote and act as a facilitator for the development of Iskandar

Malaysia, each of the local authorities had their own programmes based on the 12 actions that are suitable to the geography, economy and social requirements of their areas.

"The blueprint is part of the 2016 Johor State Budget under the Sustainable Johor agenda," it said.

The launching of the blueprint follows a similar statement by IRDA at the Conference of Parties (COP 21), in Paris two weeks ago.

IRDA chief executive Datuk Ismail Ibrahim said in the statement that the commitment of all the five local authorities was necessary to realise the target of Iskandar Malaysia in reducing greenhouse gas emission up to 50% by 2025 as outlined in the Comprehensive Development Plan II Iskandar Malaysia 2014-2025 (CDPII).



Najib, Mohamed Khaled (left) and Ismail with the low carbon plans.