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PM: Feeling the heat of global warming

PUTRAJAYA: Climate changes and the global warming phenomena can no longer be viewed lightly as they have caused massive damage and loss of lives, says Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said rainfall patterns had changed and Malaysia endured an extreme drought that resulted in a water crisis in several states early and in the middle of last year.

He said at the end of last year, a prolonged downpour caused massive damage to properties and lives were lost due to floods.

"The Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change report published in 2014 by the World Meteorological Organisation and the United Nations Environment Programme warn that the mitigation measures were insufficient to limit temperature increase at 2°C.

"This will cause serious natural disasters," he said in his opening remarks before chairing the Green Technology and Climate Change Council meeting here yesterday.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri G. Palanivel also attended the meeting.

On the green technology sector



Meeting of minds: Najib chairing the Green Technology and Climate Change Council meeting in Putrajaya. With him are Muhyiddin, other Cabinet ministers and agency representatives. — Bernama

in Malaysia, Najib said it could be the catalyst for sustainable green technology development, not only in terms of a balanced environment, but also socially.

He said green business, based on the platform of business as usual

for the five key economic sectors, could contribute RM12.7bil to the country's Gross Domestic Product in 2020 and RM27.9bil in 2030.

"If strong commitment is given beyond business as usual in increasing green business, it is expected

that green business will contribute RM22.4bil to the GDP in 2020 and RM60bil in 2030," he said.

The five key economic sectors, as outlined by the green technology master plan, are energy, transport, buildings, waste and water.