

Move to address climate change

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Malaysia sets target of reducing greenhouse gas by 45% in 2030

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia hopes to reduce the intensity of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission across the economy by 45% based on the Gross Domestic Product in 2030, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He added that the reduction of intensity was made unconditionally, and it is 10% higher than the earlier target.

Ismail Sabri said the matter would be the stand of the country, which would be tabled at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland, from Oct 31 to Nov 12.

"For the first time, the country's stand which would be tabled during UNFCCC COP 26 had been deliberated at the highest level in the country through the Malaysia Climate Change Action Council (MyCAC).

"Even though I and Environment

and Water Minister (Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man) could not attend the World Leaders Summit from Nov 1 to 2 and the UNFCCC COP 26, the meeting had given the mandate to the delegation headed by the Environment and Water Ministry (Kasa) to deliver the national statement," he said in a statement on Malaysia's commitment to helping the climate change agenda in the country yesterday.

Also to be highlighted in the national statement, Ismail Sabri said, is the country's aspiration to achieve net-zero GHG emissions as early as 2050 in which the achievement is subject to findings of the Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) which would be finalised by the end of 2022 by Kasa.

Also to be raised is the implementation of the Domestic Emissions Trading Scheme (DETS) by Kasa,

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with the cooperation of the Finance Ministry and Bursa Malaysia Berhad.

"The scheme involved the development of a sole platform for the transaction of carbon credit at domestic level.

"The government is confident DETS has the potential to attract low carbon investments into the country, raise the competitiveness of Malaysian products at the international level and generate sustainable financial resources for entities in the country," he added.

Apart from that, also to be highlighted is the effort to generate renewable energy, the target of acquiring 100% government vehicles with non-internal combustion engine (ICE) by 2030, maintaining at least 50% of forest cover in the country, promoting zero waste and recycling, as well as low carbon urban development.

He also said the government would be strengthening climate change governance in the country, among them through the creation of the National GHG Centre under Kasa.

He said considering the climate change issue is across all sectors

and is now linked to international trade, it is important for Kasa to lead the agenda.

He said the country should also consider the planetary health approach to address the climate crisis and protect the health of the Malaysian Family.

"In line with the approach as a 'whole of nation', all stakeholders are also urged to jointly contribute towards the climate change agenda and put the issue in the mainstream of the country's policy in development plans and implementation," he added.

He also stressed that the climate change and green technology agenda is a national priority, and the commitment is contained in the third theme of the 12th Malaysia Plan to spur sustainability.

Earlier, Ismail Sabri chaired a meeting of MyCAC with mentris besar and chief ministers. — Bernama