

PM: MAKE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES A WAY OF LIFE

Economic development should not jeopardise environment, says Ismail Sabri

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has urged all quarters to pool their resources to make sustainable practices a part of their culture for the sake of future generations.

He said good practices, like avoiding single-use plastics and saving energy, should be inculcated as a way of life.

"I pray that the whole of Keluarga Malaysia will continue to play a spirited role in shouldering the responsibility of handing over a sustainable Malaysia to the coming generation," he said in a post on Facebook in conjunction with International Earth Day yesterday, with the theme "Invest in Our Planet".

Ismail Sabri also urged the private sector and government-linked companies to play their roles in creating a sustainable environment.

He said in line with the eighth focus of the 12th Malaysia Plan, which is "speeding up green growth", economic development should not jeopardise the environment



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Ismail Sabri said efforts to speed up green growth, enhance energy sustainability and transform the water sector should be maintained as a core of the country's socioeconomic development.

Therefore, the government would continue to fulfil its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 45 per cent of the gross domestic product by 2030, based on the intensity of 2005 emissions, in line

with the aspiration to make Malaysia a low-carbon country, he said.

"I'm aware that this requires integrated efforts together with a high level of commitment and green investment.

"However, I am confident that with the involvement of Keluarga Malaysia, this commitment will ensure that Malaysia keeps pace with the efforts of other countries to achieve the global objectives in tackling climate change and enhance the country's competitiveness." **Bernama**