

CLIMATE CHANGE LAW IN PIPELINE

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Legislation will be discussed by cabinet on Wednesday, says prime minister

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THE government plans to enact climate change legislation soon to achieve the target of becoming a carbon-neutral nation by 2050.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said Malaysia would also work with countries that had similar visions.

“This is in line with the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in 2015.

“In my keynote address at the recent Nikkei Conference in Japan, I gave my commitment that the government will enact climate change-related legisla-

tion towards achieving a carbon-neutral status by 2050,” he said in his speech at the World Environment Day celebration Taman Tugu, here, yesterday. The event was held by Khazanah Nasional.

Ismail Sabri the proposed climate change law would be discussed by the cabinet on Wednesday, adding that the Environment and Water Ministry was preparing the draft bill.

Ismail Sabri, who is also Khazanah Nasional chairman, said efforts are underway to achieve the renewable energy share target of 31 per cent by 2025 and 40 per cent by 2035.

He said the government is also committed to preserving the natural forest cover of more than 50 per cent of the country’s



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob trekking down a path at Taman Tugu in Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. With him is Khazanah Nasional executive director Datuk Mohamed Nasri Sallehuddin (third from left). PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

land mass.

The government, he added, would also implement nature-based solutions to reduce the long-term impact on the environment, including planting 100 million trees.

He also commended Khazanah Nasional for preserving the 26.7ha green lung near Tugu Negara, which offers a respite to city dwellers and visitors.

“Taman Tugu symbolises the commitment of all parties to preserve the country’s natural heritage,” he said.

Khazanah Nasional managing director and Amanah Warisan Negara (Awan) Board of Trustees chairman, Datuk Amirul Feisal Wan Zahir, said Taman Tugu was one of many initiatives undertaken by Khazanah over the years and forms part of a new long-term strategy under the ambit of “Advancing Malaysia”.

He said Khazanah would continue to undertake other social value initiatives to deliver impactful outcomes for the nation.

“I am pleased to note that through Taman Tugu, we have

not only managed to preserve and conserve the country’s flora and fauna, but have also provided a recreational space for the public to further foster wholeness, well-being and greater inclusivity among Malaysians.

“This is in line with Khazanah’s societal goal of building capacities and vibrant communities,” he said in a statement.

To commemorate the event, Ismail Sabri witnessed the handover of the Taman Tugu land agreement from Kuala Lumpur City Hall to Awan.