

Putrajaya to roll out green tape for 2012
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 — Putrajaya will implement an environmental performance benchmark beginning next year that will be used to quantify states' performances in managing their local ecologies.

According to Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah Embas, his ministry will draw up the Malaysia Environmental Performance Index (EPI) with the help of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).

"At the moment, we do not have an indicator on the public response to environmental issues, like climate change, being discussed by a lot of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) at dialogues and conferences, or the performances of local bodies like the Kuching City South Hall in managing solid and sewage waste disposal and number of acreages on trees planted," Embas was quoted as saying by Bernama Online today.

The minister added the Cabinet has already approved the suggested green benchmark, adding that its implementation would also help his ministry better deploy manpower and resources in the future.

Embas later said that Malaysia was ranked 54th in the Global EPI 2010, which measured a total of 163 countries worldwide.

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