

**PM: Expand R&D on renewable energy
DAP irresponsible for snubbing PSC, says MCA
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NILAI: The Prime Minister wants research bodies and institutions of higher education to collaborate with businesses and the Government to expand research and development in the field of green energy.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said they should also work collectively to commercialise their findings.

“I believe we need to move even more quickly on this issue and support from key industry players will be of paramount importance,” he said in his speech read by Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan at the launch of Cypark Resources Bhd Solar Park in Pajam near here.

The solar park project, which was part of an integrated renewable energy park, is the first Entry Point Project to be completed under the Economic Transformation Programme.

Najib said the Government was embracing green technology not only to conserve and preserve its resources but to ensure this could act as a new economic impetus for the country.

“By practising energy efficiency in our daily lives, we can work together to preserve the environment and energise the Malaysian economy towards becoming a developed nation by 2020,” he said.

Najib added that solar energy would contribute at least 65MW of the renewable energy target under the 10th Malaysia Plan at the end of 2015.

“The renewable energy target (by 2015) will be 5.5% of total capacity mix as against the less than one per cent energy mix today.

“By 2020, solar power is expected to contribute a minimum of 220MW as per the target under the National Renewable Energy Policy,” he said.

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