

**Government To Continue Scheduled Waste Management Through Post-2015 Strategic Plan  
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ALOR GAJAH, May 25 (Bernama) -- The government will continue the management of scheduled wastes through the Post-2015 Strategic Waste Management Plan which began last January.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri G.Palanivel said the plan aimed to provide management guidelines to the Department of Environment (DOE) and all stakeholders of scheduled waste management to carry out activities more effectively and consistently.

"The plan outlines the direction and management of scheduled wastes based on the new concept of 'cradle to cradle' and 'waste to wealth'.

"I call on the producers of waste, in particular the industrial sector, to play a more proactive role with government agencies including the DOE to facilitate the implementation of this plan in order to conserve the environment," he said at the launching of the establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management and Green Industry in Taboh Naning here, today.

He said the plan, which outlined eight strategies that underlie the management of wastes including strengthening the foundation and regulations of the management of wastes in the country, is expected to be implemented within a period of five years, beginning next year.

Elaborating further, he said the initiative was aimed at strengthening the implementation of the 4Rs, namely "reduce", "reuse", "recycle" and "recover", in line with the objective of making the waste sector more competitive.

He said that through the plan, about 30 per cent of the estimated three million tonnes of production related wastes could be reduced during the implementation period.

Meanwhile, Palanivel said the establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management and Green Industry serves as a reference centre for the industry players, investors and students to explore the field of waste management and the technology used today.

"This centre is the starting point for cooperation between government agencies, universities, private companies and non-governmental organisations to support the government's intention in implementing the plan," he said.

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