

**Malaysia to Ratify Paris Climate Change Agreement This Week**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will ratify the Paris Climate Change Agreement in Marrakech, Morocco, this week to tackle global warming.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the working paper had already been approved by the Cabinet and the ratification documents submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in New York through Wisma Putra.

"After ratification, we can start to engage directly and join the technical discussions on the questions of modality, research and regulations relating to the issue of global warming," he told reporters after opening the 11th Asia Pacific Mineral Resource Exhibition and Conference 2016, here, today.

The agreement will also be a platform to obtain financial allocations under the Paris Treaty Climate Change Fund, especially for the country's reforestation programme.

"This is part of our efforts to achieve the national target to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions to 45 per cent by 2030 and to ensure that 50 per cent of the earth's surface is covered with forests," he said.

Since April, 197 countries have signed the agreement as an initiative to curb global warming. However, to enforce the agreement, at least 55 countries must ratify the agreement and it is understood that so far, only 28 countries have done so.

Earlier, Wan Juniadi witnessed the signing of two memorandums of understanding (MoU), namely between the Malaysian Chamber of Mines (MCOM) and Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and between MCOM and Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah (USAS).

MCOM was represented by its president Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Ajib Anuar, UMP by its vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim and USAS by its vice-chancellor (Academic & Student Affairs) Prof Datuk Dr Wan Sabri Wan Yusof.

The MoUs aim to enhance expertise in mining science, especially mineral technology and industrial collaboration with both universities to produce graduates with expertise in the relevant fields.

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