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KeTTHA launches Net Energy Metering drive

THE Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water (KeTTHA) has launched the Net Energy Metering (NEM) framework and preparations are on track for its scheduled Nov 1 implementation.

"The NEM was a Budget 2016 promise announced by the prime minister in 2015 and it is a mechanism where an eligible consumer installs a solar photovoltaic (PV) system primarily for their own use, while the excess energy is to be exported to the grid," its minister Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili said.

He said consumers would receive credit for the excess energy supplied to the grid to offset part of their electricity bills provided by distribution licensees such as Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd.

This method is applicable to electricity consum-

ers during the stipulated billing period.

The announcement was made on the sidelines of the seventh International GreenTech & Eco Products Exhibition and Conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Ongkili said the NEM was a new mechanism deployed after the Feed-in-Tariff programme and was relevant only for solar PV.

The NEM would be most attractive to house owners, as they would be able to generate electricity at their homes and use it internally before exporting the surplus energy or importing the balance needed to and from the grid, respectively.

It is expected at least 20,000 homeowners would benefit from the NEM.

The implementation of the NEM is also an effort to ensure sustainability of the solar PV industry. — *Bernama*