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Ongkili: Net energy metering by next year

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is expected to implement net energy metering (NEM) next year, which allows self-consumption of electricity generated by solar photovoltaic system while selling the excess energy to utility companies.

"If the users are producing more than what they are consuming, they get paid by utility companies such as Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd.

"This will be the first [of its kind] in the region," Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili said.

He was speaking to reporters on

the sidelines of the seventh International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition & Conference Malaysia's dinner here, yesterday.

The Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia had said the country would be implementing 500MW of capacity for NEM starting from 2016 until 2020 with 100MW capacity limit a year in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah.

On the 2017 Budget, Ongkili expressed hope that it would give greater focus on green developments as envisaged in the 11th Malaysia Plan.

"Hence, the allocations needed to ensure the goals under the green technology development can be accomplished," he said.

He also hoped the government would provide an allocation to improve the sewage sector and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"We are aware of the economic condition and the shortfall in national revenue due to the sluggish oil and gas sector, but we believe in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's wisdom to ensure what is specified in the key performance indicators can be realised," he added. — *Bernama*