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Be serious about green efforts

AS a consumer advocate, I read with interest the article under the heading "Focus on green technology" (*StarEducate*, Oct 19).

In 2009, the government had announced that Malaysia was committed to reducing carbon emissions by 40% by the year 2020. The declaration was significant in addressing global warming.

But are we on the right track? Is the subject being given enough prominence in schools for children to understand? Are there more challenges?

The transport and industrial sectors, which account for a major portion of carbon emissions, seem to be conducting their operations in the "busi-

ness as usual" manner.

We still need the co-operation of these sectors to achieve the target commitment.

As the focal point for implementing and monitoring the progress of our climate change programme, it would be good if the relevant ministries come up with regular reports.

Then the people will be able to ascertain the effectiveness of the decarbonisation strategies.

Perhaps an annual report card would be a great idea to keep tabs on what was done and what needs to be done.

We need commitment and action from the authorities.

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