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KUALA LUMPUR: New data centre applications must take into account electricity availability and the ability of states to meet water demand, said Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani.

He said the growth of data centres must be managed responsibly, with operators bearing the cost of electricity supply and infrastructure.

"Our priority is to build a competitive digital economy while creating opportunities for local companies in power generation, energy storage and engineering.

"These investments must deliver tangible economic benefits through the efficient and sustainable use of national resources," he posted on Facebook yesterday.

Johari said he had delivered the keynote address at the "Bursa Malaysia Sectoral Series: Powering the AI Era" yesterday.

He said Malaysia needed to be selective in attracting data centre investments, prioritising quality investments that generated added value for the economy while supporting the development of artificial intelligence and local industries.

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