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A TOTAL of 600 electric vehicle charging bays are expected to be operational in Penang by the end of the year, said state Local Government, Town and Country Planning Committee chairman Jason H'ng Mooi Lye.

He said 300 bays would be in areas under the Penang City Council (MBPP) and the remaining would be in the Seberang Perai City Council's (MBSP) areas.

"MBPP had conducted a study on the location of the charging bays on the island, and due to space constraints, existing parking lots would be used for the purpose, including at the MBPP complex parking area, as well as 'on-street-parking' to provide access to the public," he told reporters here on Thursday.

He said this after opening the EV charging bay at Gat Lebu China here.

MBPP Mayor Datuk A. Rajendran was also present.

H'ng said MBPP had also issued a request for proposal (RFP) for the installation of EV chargers, involving 52 units at 26 locations on the island, including Persiaran Karpal Singh, Jalan Concordia, Precinct 10, Lebu Union, Gat Lebu China and Pasar Tanjung Bungah.

The 52 chargers have been installed and are now in the stage of connecting them to the electricity supply by Tenaga Nasional Bhd.

They are expected to be in operation next month, he added.

He said MBPP was also in the

process of implementing the second phase of the RFP for the operation of an additional 50 charging bays at 27 locations by December.

"Apart from installing the charging bays in MBPP and MBSP administrative areas, shopping malls and commercial area developers have also taken the initiative to install EVChBs following the current increase in electric vehicles," he said.

H'ng said there were already 261 EV charging bays provided by the private sector on the island alone.

He said the state government would continue to encourage developers of commercial areas, including housing and shopping malls, to provide the EV chargers at bays provided by the government. **Bernama**



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