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Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is also deputy prime minister, with IHH Healthcare Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Mohammed Azlan Hashim (right) and chief executive officer Jean-Francois Naa (left) launching the solar power generation system at the Prince Court Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC



SOLAR POWER GENERATION

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KUALA LUMPUR: The solar power generation allocation for commercial and industrial users has reached 88 per cent, equivalent to 880 megawatts (MW) out of the total 1,100 MW.

Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is also deputy prime minister, said the government introduced the Net Energy Metering Net Offset Virtual Aggregation (NEM NOVA) programme to facilitate solar installations on specific building rooftops, enabling commercial and industrial users to make use of unused rooftop space for solar energy utilisation.

"A quota amounting to 1,100 MW was allocated and 880 MW, or 88 per cent, have been successfully distrib-

uted to various parties," he said after launching the solar power generation system at the Prince Court Medical Centre here yesterday.

Fadillah said IHH's initiative (solar energy system) is a significant milestone in Malaysia's sustainability and renewable energy (RE) commitment.

"It aligns perfectly with our national goals to increase the use of RE and achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This project serves as an inspiring model for other sectors to emulate."

Fadillah said the ministry was collaborating with Tenaga Nasional Bhd and the Housing and Local Government Ministry to facilitate the installation of solar panels in affordable

housing projects.

On the installation of solar panels at government hospitals, Fadillah said discussions would be held with the Health Ministry, depending on its budgetary considerations.

"What we are looking at is encouraging government hospitals to collaborate with private parties like IHH."

IHH has launched an RE project for its 17-hospital network, transitioning to solar power through the installation of rooftop solar panels. This initiative is in line with Malaysia's goal to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and contribute to global climate change efforts.

Meanwhile, IHH chief executive officer Jean-Francois Naa said in response to the growing demand for

private healthcare, the healthcare provider would continue to improve access to patients.

"However, healthcare leaves an environmental footprint. Mindful of this, IHH Malaysia began its journey towards sustainability. We focused on energy consumption, as electricity accounts for over 75 per cent of our direct greenhouse gas emissions. Thus, we decided to adopt RE solutions.

"Eight of our hospitals have transitioned to solar power. By 2025, all our hospitals would have completed the transition, making us the first private healthcare group in Malaysia to undertake this extensive rollout of solar projects," he added.