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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government is planning some initiatives to encourage the installation and utilisation of solar energy systems in government hospitals, says Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the move would be carried out through collaboration with the private sector to support energy transition efforts at the organisational level based on service-oriented approaches.

"This is part of the National Energy Transition Roadmap and will involve discussions with the Health Ministry, besides taking into account existing financial allocations.

"What we plan is for them to work with the private sector as a service provider, where they will handle the installation.

"There will be profit-sharing in terms of energy savings besides benefits in carbon trading," he told reporters after launching the solar power generation system with a capacity of 420 kilowatts for facilities under IHH Healthcare Malaysia at the Prince Court Medical Centre yesterday, Bernama reported.

Earlier in his speech, Fadillah, who is also Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister, said so far, 88% of the quota of 1,100 megawatts of the Net Energy Metering programme for solar panel installation on building rooftops for commercial and industrial users has been successfully allocated to various parties.

He said the current focus of energy transition will be on efforts to harness the potential of renewable energy sources in the country such as solar, biomass, biogas and hydroelectric power.

"Among the renewable energy sources with potential ... is utilising solar resources," he said.

Fadillah also praised the efforts of IHH Healthcare, which utilised rooftop spaces at all 16 hospitals under the group for solar panel installation.

"IHH Healthcare's initiative is a significant achievement towards Malaysia's commitment to sustainability and renewable energy, in line with the country's goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050," he said.