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**LANGKAWI:** Seven municipalities have been chosen as the initial areas to test the Low Carbon Cities Framework and Assessment System (LCCF) that has been developed by the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili yesterday said the municipalities involved were the Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) in Johor, Subang Jaya Municipal Council (Selangor) and the city councils of Petaling Jaya (Selangor), Hang Tuah Jaya (Melaka), Cyberjaya, Putrajaya and Miri (Sarawak).

"The concept of smart cities dwells on the fact that their infrastructures and services create better environmental, social and economic conditions that enhance the cities' attractiveness and competitiveness," he said when officiating the Langkawi International Smart Green Cities Forum 2015 here.

He said the LCCF was devised to ensure that cities in Malaysia would have a structured approach in order to develop in accordance to the smart city concept.

His ministry planned to implement the LCCF in all the municipals in the country within the 11th Malaysia Plan pe-

riod, he said.

Ongkili said the LCCF was among the initiatives taken by his ministry in resonance with Malaysia's international commitment to reduce up to 40 per cent of carbon emissions intensity by 2020, as compared to the 2005 base levels.

He said the recent announcement by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to transform Langkawi into a low carbon island by 2030 was also another testimony of Malaysia's commitment.

Along with this, he said Malaysia had also put in place various policy instruments such as the Low Carbon City Framework and Green Neighbourhood Guidelines in 2011 and the Roadmap of Carbon Intensity Reduction in Malaysia in 2013.

According to him, the government was also keeping track on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions through the My-Carbon Reporting Programme developed in 2013 for companies and institutions to voluntarily report their green houses gases (GHG) emissions.

"By January this year, about 26 companies volunteered to report their GHG emissions through this programme and we hope more will join this effort," he added. —Bernama