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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is on the right track to position itself as a global hub for green technology as more companies shift towards greater sustainable practices and development, said Energy, Green Technology and Water deputy minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid.

He described the outlook for green technology in the country as very promising and it could transform the nation into a green community by 2030.

"Green technology offers specific solutions for pressing ecological and social challenges. For this reason, it is expected to continue to gain global importance," he said at the preview event for the 5th International Greentech and Eco Products Malaysia (IGEM2014) conference and exhibition to be here next month.

He said the nation has achieved a remarkable leap since the formulation of the National Green Technology policy in 2009.

He also said the ministry has made several recommendations to the government to encourage the people and companies to use sustainable technology.

They included GST exemption and tax reduction on green products, as well as to further improve the green technology financing scheme, he added.

He said the use of green technology could modernise conventional industries through better use of energy and natural resources and this could be a strategic advantage in doing business.

IGEM2014, which will have as its theme "Creating Global Wealth", will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from Oct 16 to 19.

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