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# MBSA to take the lead in buying electric cars

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BY THIS time next year, the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) may be the proud owners of two new electric cars to help promote green initiatives and set an example for residents.

Mayor Datuk Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad said they were planning to purchase the cars by next year to be used in promotional activities for the Shah Alam Low Carbon City by 2030 initiative.

"We are currently looking at allocating a budget for this purpose and are planning to use it for all future programmes but we may look at allowing our enforcement officers to use it for their rounds," he added.

He said they hoped it would motivate staff as well as residents

to purchase electric cars to reduce their carbon footprint and help preserve the environment.

Ahmad Zaharin said this after launching the EV Charger at Wisma MBSA's parking lot together with Selangor Economic Planning Unit Local Council Section deputy director Mas Sakdah Kamaruzzaman.

The mayor also took the opportunity to test drive an electric car with deputy mayor Shukri Hamin, Mas Sakdah and Malaysian Green Technology Corporation Green Mobility chief Mohamed Azrin Mohamed Ali.

MBSA was allocated 20 EV chargers by the Selangor state government and the council has started installing them in public places.

Among the locations that have already been fitted with a charger

are the National Aquatic Centre in Section 13, the Kota Kemuning MBSA branch office, Setia Alam MBSA branch office and the Tun Uda Shah Alam Library.

Other locations that will have the EV chargers installed by next month are the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah mosque, MBSA Section 4 hall, Aeon in Section 13, SACC Section 14 and the Shah Alam Extreme Park in Section 13.

The chargers are free for users with electric cars in all the locations.

"Selangor will be the state with the largest number of EV chargers in the country by 2020," added Ahmad Zaharin in his speech.

Before the launch, MBSA also organised a special briefing for building owners, developers and stakeholders in Shah Alam for its Low Carbon Buildings Campaign.

This is the third seminar held so far and Ahmad Zaharin said it was organised to help stakeholders exchange ideas on green technology and low carbon footprint initiatives.

Some 150 people from the private sector, hotels, and developers turned up for the session that was held in three parts, the first an overall briefing, the second a brain-storming session with devel-

opers and the third with the building owners.

Asked if the council had a target number for green buildings in the city, Ahmad Zaharin said their Low Carbon City Framework was focused on exposure for now.

"Since this is still a new subject and there are incentives from the Federal government, we want to introduce it slowly to our stakeholders," he added.



Ahmad Zaharin (right) and Mohamed Azrin officiating at the launch of the EV Charge Station by tapping the card on station's scanner.