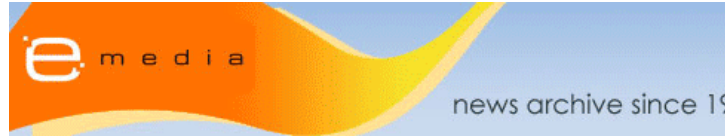


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There is a need to establish recycling systems.

WHILE I applaud the government's decision to improve the waste management system, establishing another bureaucracy on top of the existing layers of officials is not the way to go.

Apparently, the new corporation to be established to keep an eye on waste collection and disposal concessionaires will employ or assume control of more than 2,000 employees. This makes me believe that the RM1 billion allocation will mainly go towards the paying of wages.

We do not need another bureaucracy to tell us what needs to be done with our waste. We need concerted efforts to establish proper recycling systems.

Very little is done in recycling waste to provide raw materials to industries or even power to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels.

My suggestion is, if they intend to charge consumers for services, we must make sure that service-level agreements are signed with all customers to make sure that the customers can act against the service providers in the event that service is not up to mark.

I do not want to merely see a rebranded and repainted vehicle with the same level of service and attitude.

I will expect more, including a whole new commitment and effort towards improving the environment especially in reducing the use of landfills, recycling plants that contribute raw materials and more plants that produce electricity from waste.

At the same time, the company can promote recycling.

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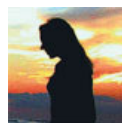
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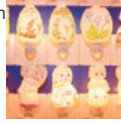
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