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150,000 households to benefit from SAVE 2.0

PUTRAJAYA: About 150,000 households are expected to benefit from the government's latest scheme to spur efficient use of electricity.

Called the Sustainability Achieved via Energy Efficiency Programme, better known as SAVE 2.0, the move is intended to increase the uptake of energy-efficient appliances through financial incentives.

Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Dr Shamsul Anuar Nasarah (*pic*) said by adopting SAVE 2.0, the country could potentially reduce carbon emissions by about 40,000 tonnes a year.

"The SAVE 2.0 incentive programme aims to encourage con-

sumers to adopt energy-efficient practices while contributing to energy savings, with about 150,000 households standing to benefit from it," he said at a press conference after launching the programme at his ministry here yesterday.

SAVE 2.0 is expected to deliver RM22.26million in energy cost savings, which also translates to 56,340 trees being planted over 10 years to absorb the equivalent amount of carbon.

The SAVE 2.0 programme was



locally or have obtained Sirin certification in Malaysia.

"This rebate is limited to one account only for every purchase of air conditioner or refrigerator in

approved during Budget 2021 with an allocation of RM30m.

The programme provides a RM200 e-rebate to households purchasing air conditioners or refrigerators with a minimum four-star energy rating from the Energy Commission.

"The appliances must be manufactured

2021 or until the quota runs out, whichever comes first.

"Only Malaysian citizens who are owners of domestic tariff electricity accounts registered with utility companies are eligible to apply," Shamsul Anuar said, referring to TNB, SESB, SEB and NUR Power.

Users can apply and obtain the e-rebate by bringing their latest electricity bill and making a purchase at electrical shops registered under the SAVE 2.0 programme beginning yesterday.

For those who prefer making online purchases, e-rebate application via Shopee Malaysia has been available since Jan 1.

"By taking part in this programme, you are playing your part in reducing carbon emissions," said Shamsul Anuar.

A list of brands and models of energy-efficient electrical equipment under the programme can be found at www.savenenergy.gov.my or through the microsite provided on Shopee Malaysia.

There, users can also find out more about their eligibility criteria and learn how to apply for the e-rebate.

Shamsul Anuar advised users to refer to the recommended purchase price list on the website to make comparisons.