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## SOLAR POWER

# MPIA wants govt to increase net energy metering quota

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia needs more net energy metering (NEM) quota to drive the solar agenda, said the Malaysian Photovoltaic Industry Association (MPIA).

Its president, Davis Chong, said the NEM, which included the Net Offset Virtual Aggregation programme, was the most effective tool in driving the deployment of the rooftop solar system in the country.

He said the impact of NEM was positive to the country's gross domestic product, national coffers as well as in job provisions.

"Given that unemployment is a pressing issue as a result of the

Covid-19 pandemic, the solar industry is well poised to provide green employment and can help reduce social burden to the government.

"We are hopeful that the 3,000 megawatts NEM quota proposed by MPIA earlier can be reconsidered," he said yesterday.

MPIA said Malaysia should capitalise on its advantages to establish itself as not only a global solar panel manufacturing hub but also a global hub for solar service providers, solar energy adoption and investment, as well as role model of solar policy and programmes.



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Therefore, Chong suggested that the government reopen the New Enhanced Dispatch Arrangement for solar energy and enable third-party access (TPA) for paid utilisation of the national

grid to transmit electricity generated from solar systems.

"We have witnessed how the local telecommunications industry has been thriving since the enabling of TPA," he said.

Chong said there were also hurdles to be overcome by the industry players, including the limitation of power factor used in the calculation for the solar system design and inverter size used.

