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T'ganu is first state to have joint billing for water and sewerage

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KUALA LUMPUR: Over 20,000 account holders of Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) and Syarikat Air Terengganu (Satu) in the state will receive a single bill for sewerage and water services from March next year.

This was made possible after an agreement by IWK and Satu to implement the joint-billing system. Water, Land and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Dr Xavier Jayakumar, who disclosed this yesterday, said the joint billing was a first between the Federal Government and a state government.

He said the exercise would increase revenue for IWK, which would be used to provide better

services to customers.

"With this joint billing, the collection will increase and with that, the level of service can be improved," he told a press conference after the signing ceremony here yesterday.

Dr Xavier hoped that other states in the country would follow Terengganu's lead in the joint billing of sewerage and water services.

He said IWK was also discussing with the Terengganu government on the building of a centralised sewerage plant in the state.

"Everyone wants to get rid of pollution and the only way to do it is through a centralised sewerage system."

"This is important especially for states such as Terengganu, which relies a lot on tourism, and also for promoting our country to the

world," he said.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar said 20,661 accounts would receive joint billing initially which accounted for 7% of accounts in the state.

"The accounts are focused in urban areas and the suburbs," he said.

Ahmad Samsuri described this as a positive development for Terengganu, adding that the state government was focused on sustainable development which placed importance on the environment.

"We are so proud to be the first state to have this joint billing system," he said.

Dr Xavier and Ahmad Samsuri witnessed the signing of the agreement by IWK CEO Narendran Maniam and Satu CEO Atemin Sudong.



Working together: Narendran and Atemin exchanging documents, witnessed by Ahmad Samsuri and Dr Xavier in Kuala Lumpur.