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## Ensuring a sustainable energy environment

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Innovation, technology and energy efficiency play pivotal roles in ensuring the country achieves sustainable energy environment, say industry players.

Malaysian Gas Association president, Ir Pramod Kumar Karunakaran, said the three inter-related factors had enabled the country to optimise its resources and minimise wastage.

"Innovation is needed to ensure that we have the technology that enables us to use energy efficiently and sustainably," he told *Bernama* after delivering his closing remarks at the sixth National Energy Forum here yesterday.

MMC Corp Bhd group managing director, Datuk Seri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh, said the country should invest more in efforts to conserve energy use.

Che Khalib, who was formerly Tenaga Nasional Bhd president/chief executive officer, said based on experience, renewable energy could only supplement the supply of energy but could never entirely replace it.

"Investing in research and development for the future of renewable energy will definitely increase the availability of energy," he said. — *Bernama*