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Cash incentives for students who recycle

THE concessionaire for solid waste management and public cleansing, E-Idaman Sdn Bhd, will encourage school students in Kedah to collect recyclable materials by paying them for the goods.

The programme would be carried out with the cooperation of Tabung Haji and CIMB Bank, E-Idaman chief executive officer Mohd Saiful Anuar Zainal said yesterday.

He said recyclable materials brought by students, like newspapers and empty cans, would be weighed and payment would be made based on the type of materials and weight.

"For a start, the company will

give RM2 as deposit for students to open a bank account and the amount deducted from the payment for the recyclable materials they bring to schools or the recycling centre," he said.

He told this to reporters after the opening of the Kulim Municipal Council solid waste management and public cleansing transformation programme by council president Mohd Fuzi Mohaideen yesterday.

Saiful said in line with the transformation programme, a recycling centre would be opened in Kulim by next year.

He also said that through a "Aku Janji" pledge signed with

the Kedah government, the company was targeting to increase the recycling rate to 50 per cent in 2018.

On another matter, Saiful said the company was in need of women drivers to drive the small lorries used to collect rubbish in areas under the jurisdiction of the local authorities in Kedah.

He said the company spent RM27.5 million to buy equipment for the transformation of solid waste and public cleansing programme.

These included 22 compactors costing RM45,000 each; a road sweeper (RM700,000) and 38 public cleansing lorries (RM8 million).
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