Weekly property round-up Feb 17: More charging stations for electrical vehicles on the way

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Electrical vehicles or EVs. They are the wave of the future as one of ways to reduce carbon emission and save our planet.

But the inadequate number of charging stations for EVs is an obstacle (and we are even talking about the cost of buying one) to encourage greater adoption of this mode of transport.

It with this thought in mind that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Miti) is aiming to provide up to 4,000 EV charging points this year.

Miti’s Industrial Development Division senior director Datuk Hanafi Sakri said Malaysia already has 900 EV charging points.

“We have a national roadmap for EV charging stations where we are targeting to have about 10,000 charging stations by 2025, comprising 1,000 units direct current type and 9,000 units alternating current or slow charging.

“Given the current momentum, I think we will be able to achieve the target,” added Hanafi.

Also answering the clarion call for more EV charging stations is Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB). Its programme director of project management office for electric vehicles, Mohd Junaizee Mohd Noor, said TNB had already built three charging stations at the Rest and Service (R&R) areas in [Ayer Keroh](https://www.edgeprop.my/buy/melaka/ayer-keroh/all-residential?page=1&searchedLabel=Ayer%20Keroh), [Melaka](https://www.edgeprop.my/buy/melaka/all-residential?page=1); [Tapah](https://www.edgeprop.my/buy/perak/tapah/all-residential?page=1&searchedLabel=Tapah" \t "_blank), [Perak](https://www.edgeprop.my/buy/perak/all-residential?page=1); and [Paka](https://www.edgeprop.my/buy/terengganu/paka/all-residential?page=1&searchedLabel=Paka" \t "_blank), [Terengganu](https://www.edgeprop.my/buy/terengganu/all-residential?page=1).

“We are targeting to build seven more DC (direct charging) stations in Malaysia by the end of this year along the North-South Highway (PLUS).

“Insyaallah, by year-end TNB will have 10 DC EV throughout the highway,” said Mohd Junaizee.

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