

# 'Work together to resolve water issues'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** State governments must work with the Federal Government to resolve issues related to water resources management.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said states as resource owners needed to understand the Federal Government's concerns.

"They cannot work in silos or isolation.

"A water supply shortage in a particular area also reflects on the Federal Government," he said at the Asia Water Resource 2016 Expo and Forum here yesterday.

Wan Junaidi said some states may need to reconsider their free water scheme.

"It does not serve its purpose as only a few people benefit from it. I recommend limiting the water use for each household as it is better than rationing.

"This will allow a state to study water consumption patterns and industries' requirements."

Wan Junaidi said there was 970 million cubic metres of rainfall a year, but only 15 per cent was retained.