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IMMEDIATE MEASURES ANNOUNCED TO ACCELERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

The government is committed to leverage Malaysia's existing value chain and competitiveness in sustainable energy development to stimulate the growth and development of renewable energy (RE) and energy efficiency to support the nation's aspiration towards carbon neutrality.

Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, noted how there is a strong inclination towards reducing carbon emissions through greater investment and utilisation of green electricity supply in a variety of industries.

"This development is expected to generate various new business potentials for Malaysia. Thus, the growth in investment and demand for green power will create new opportunities for local RE industry players.

"Malaysia has a robust RE industry value chain that extends from the production to the service supply stage. What is needed is for us to leverage our competitive advantage to draw in high-value yet environmentally-friendly investment.

"This strategic intent must also be backed up by comprehensive, competitive and aspirational power generation and supply planning policies. These policies, in turn, must be sustainable energy-centric, taking into account recent trends and current socio-economic needs.

The commitment was made by YB Nik Nazmi while delivering his keynote address at the official launch of the Malaysia Energy Transition Outlook report at Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur this morning.

As an immediate step to support the energy transition effort, he also announced the implementation of the following measures to accelerate the deployment of RE:

- (i) allocation of an additional 630-Megawatt (MW) quota for the development of power generation project from RE resources as follows:
 - a. 180MW for development of small hydro, biogas and biomass project under the Feed-in Tariff scheme;
 - b. 200MW for the Corporate Green Power Programme to enable more ESG conscious businesses to procure green electricity;
 - c. 200MW for the Net Energy Metering NOVA Programme or NEM NOVA to encourage the utilisation of rooftop for RE generation among commercial and industry consumers;
 - d. 50MW for the Net Energy Metering Rakyat or NEM Rakyat Programme to encourage greater adoption of solar rooftop among domestic consumers.
- (ii) to roll-out a framework for third party access for renewable energy in Q4 2023 to enable businesses with ESG commitments to directly source the needed green electricity from RE developers through the existing transmission or distribution network;
- (iii) to improve the existing NEDA mechanism, particularly the Corporate Green Power Programme or CGPP, to allow year-round application and enable the participation from non-solar RE developers;
- (iv) to enhance the implementation of Communication, Education and Public Awareness Programme to promote a wider uptake of rooftop solar among domestic consumers;
- (v) to explore the possibility of establishing a dedicated Energy Transition Fund to support the expansion, scaling up and accelerated deployment of renewable energy in Malaysia;
- (vi) to undertake feasibility study in enhancing cross border power integration through regional interconnection, and to position Malaysia as the regional power distribution and trading hub;
- (vii) to establish a mechanism to assess and enable the adoption of new technology to accelerate low carbon energy transition; and
- (viii) to cut red tapes on the implementation of sustainable energy and energy transition related initiatives to expedite project execution and to reduce the cost of doing business.

The official launch of the Malaysia Energy Transition Outlook report was also attended by YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, H.E. Francesco La Camera, Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), YBhg. Dato' Rosli bin Hj. Isa, Secretary General of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, and YBrs. Mohammed Rashdan Mohd. Yusof, Chairman of the Energy Commission.

The Malaysia Energy Transition Outlook report is the outcome of the collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). The report has presented options for low-carbon energy pathways for 2050 by exploring the potential of more reliable and affordable locally generated RE sources to meet the country's increasing energy demand.

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