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Malaysia wants Asean peers to recognise urgency to intensify clean energy transition

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MALAYSIA is calling for stronger regional cooperation on clean energy as Asean pre-

pare to transition to a new phase of its energy plan next year.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said this year will be a pivotal turning point as it marks the end of the Asean of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) Phase II and the start of APAEC 2026-2035.

"As we prepare for this transition, we recognise the growing urgency to intensify our efforts in accelerating the clean energy transition, enhancing energy security, and expanding access especially in under-served communities across our region," he said at the launch of Asean Energy Business Forum (AEBF)

2025 here yesterday.

Fadillah said a key initiative under Malaysia's Asean chairmanship will be the endorsement of the Enhanced Memorandum of Understanding on the Asean Power Grid.

He said this will not only support regional grid integration but also unlock the vast potential of multilateral electricity trade across borders.

The Asean Power Grid, he said, is not merely an infrastructure project, but a symbol of Asean solidarity and a concrete pathway to enable more renewable energy integration, reduce dependency on fossil fuels and cre-

ate resilient energy systems.

The success of this initiative requires more than policy commitments. It needs strong collaboration across all segments of society.

"We need the active involvement of regulators, utilities, technology providers, investors and the research community.

"We must work together to overcome challenges in regulatory harmonisation, infrastructure financing and technical interoperability," he added.

Fadillah noted that this is why AEBF 2025 plays such a vital role, as it serves as a dedicated platform to foster these critical di-

alogues and partnerships.

"Malaysia is also committed to ensuring that AEBF 2025 will be inclusive, forward-looking and action-oriented.

"It is not just a conference, it is a marketplace of ideas, a platform for partnership, and a catalyst for innovation," he said.

The AEBF 2025 is scheduled to take place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from Oct 15 to 17. It is expected to provide an open, inclusive and dynamic dialogue platform among Asean member states, policymakers, business leaders, investors, researchers and energy innovators.



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