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ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING ON ENERGY 2025 ON 16 JUNE 2025: IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERCONNECTION PROJECT UNDER THE ASEAN POWER GRID (APG) AS MAIN AGENDA

KUCHING, 17 June 2025 – The ASEAN member states shared the latest developments regarding the implementation of cross-border interconnection projects under the ASEAN Power Grid (APG) initiative, which was among the main agenda items during the 43rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) organized by the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA), held from 16 to 18 June 2025 in Kuching, Sarawak.

The meeting convenes senior energy officials from all ASEAN Member States (AMS), with a delegate from Timor-Leste participating as an observer. ASEAN SOME continues to serve as a key platform for deliberating regional energy policies and reinforcing the strategic direction of ASEAN energy cooperation.

The meeting is chaired by the Secretary General of PETRA, Dato' Haji Mad Zaidi bin Mohd Karli, in his capacity as Chairman of ASEAN SOME 2025. Among the main items on the agenda that will be discussed are the review of progress under the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) Phase II 2021–2025 and discussions on the development of the forthcoming APAEC 2026–2030.

At the same time, the discussions also discussed on current progress in multilateral energy trade under the Lao PDR–Thailand–Malaysia–Singapore Power Integration Project (LTMS-PIP). In addition, topics related to energy transition policies were also highlighted, including the

scaling up of renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, the potential of nuclear energy and the coordination of regional energy policies.

The meeting also served as a platform for AMS to acknowledge the member accession of Timor-Leste as a full member of ASEAN. In addition, initial preparations for the upcoming ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM), scheduled to take place in October 2025, were also among the key topics of discussion.

The convening of the 43rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) reflects the continued commitment of AMS in realising the goals of a sustainable, inclusive and resilient energy development in the region. With the strong cooperation established among all stakeholders places the region on a solid path towards a sustainable energy future, while contributing towards shared prosperity.

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