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(43rd AMEM)**

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AMEM CHAIR (MALAYSIA) OPENING REMARKS

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Excellencies,

Fellow ASEAN Energy Ministers,

Secretary-General of ASEAN,

Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Energy,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera
and a very good morning.

It is a distinct honour and pleasure to welcome all of you to Kuala Lumpur for the 43rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and its Associated Meetings.

Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN this year is guided by the theme of "Inclusivity and Sustainability." For the energy sector, we have amplified this vision through our own theme: "Powering ASEAN: Bridging

Boundaries, Building Prosperity." This theme underscores our commitment to strengthening regional inter-connectivity while ensuring our energy transition benefits all segments of our society and secures a prosperous future.

Charting the Next Chapter in Energy Cooperation and Key Deliverables

Excellencies, this AMEM is a pivotal moment. We are not just closing out the current work plan but we are collectively charting the entire energy landscape for the next half-decade.

Today, we move beyond deliberation to execution, as we are set to deliver on the Priority Economic Deliverables (PEDs) under Malaysia's Chairmanship, which are vital to accelerating ASEAN's energy transition and enhancing energy security.

Key Deliverables for Ministerial Action

Excellencies Fellow Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen, Our Senior Officials have worked tirelessly in the preparatory meetings and today our task is to execute several historic milestones:

1. Launching the Future Roadmap: We will officially **launch the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) Phase II: 2026–2030**. This foundational document will guide our regional cooperation efforts towards a cleaner, more resilient, and more integrated energy system.

2. Bolstering Grid Integration: Ministers will participate in the **formal Exchange of Documents for the Enhanced Memorandum of Understanding on the ASEAN Power Grid (APG MoU)**. This foundational agreement is critical for guiding our regional efforts toward achieving multilateral power trade and cross-border connectivity.

3. Securing Petroleum Supply: Ministers will also formalize the **ASEAN Framework Agreement on Petroleum Security (AFAPS) through the Exchange of Documents**, which significantly strengthens our collective resilience against global supply disruptions.

4. Financing the Transition: We will **announce the APG Financing Initiative (APGF)**, a mechanism designed to attract and coordinate the necessary infrastructure investments for the APG projects

In further pursuit of our agenda, we shall consider the SOME Recommendation Report and move towards the Ministerial Endorsement of key strategic frameworks that will define the blueprint for our subsequent phase of cooperation. These critical documents include:

1. **The Renewable Energy Long-Term Roadmap**, which meticulously charts our collective pathway to increased Renewable Energy (RE) deployment.

2. **The ASEAN Energy Efficiency Database and Investment Platform (Building)**, designed to significantly boost energy efficiency across our region.

3. The **Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Subsea Power Cable**, essential for enabling critical interconnections within the ASEAN Power Grid (APG). We will also receive the progress report on the initiation of the **ASEAN Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) Deployment Framework** and the **ASEAN Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Framework**, two initiatives crucial for future decarbonisation and integrated market development.

Today's session will be also complemented by critical meetings, including the:

- Dialogue Sessions with our partners from the IEA and IRENA;
- The 4th AMEM-U.S. Dialogue; and
- Ministers-CEO Dialogue.

As for tomorrow, we will be having the:

- 19th East Asia Summit Energy Ministerial Meeting (EAS EMM); and
- 22nd AMEM Plus Three (AMEM+3) Consultations.

These platforms are essential for mobilising the investment, technology, and policy collaboration required to realise our shared goals.

Excellencies, the decisions we make here will echo across our economies and directly impact the lives of over 670 million ASEAN citizens. Let us engage in constructive and decisive discussions to ensure the successful delivery of these commitments.

With that, I extend my warmest welcome to all participants.

Thank you.