

WELCOMING REMARKS
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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

A very good afternoon and Salam Malaysia MADANI.

(SALUTATIONS)

The Honourable Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim

Prime Minister of Malaysia

Excellencies,

Honoured Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

OPENING REMARKS

1. On behalf of the **Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA)** Malaysia, it gives me a great pleasure to welcome all of you to the vibrant city of Kuala Lumpur for the **43rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting** and its associated meetings, and the 2025 ASEAN Energy Business Forum.
2. This gathering continues a proud tradition that began in 1980 – when ASEAN first came together with a shared goal: **to ensure reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for our region**. More than four decades later, that spirit of solidarity continues to guide us.

A LEGACY OF COOPERATION

3. When Malaysia last hosted AMEM in 2015, under the theme **“Powering ASEAN Towards a Greener Community,”** we celebrated key milestones. Together, we

surpassed our regional targets on energy efficiency and renewable energy. We launched the **Lao-Thailand-Malaysia-Singapore Power Integration Project (LTMS-PIP)**, the first step towards multilateral power trade. At the same time, we also expanded the **Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline (TAGP)** and strengthened regional energy institutions.

4. Ten years on, I am proud to say that ASEAN has made remarkable progress. The LTMS interconnection is now operational, proving that regional power sharing is not just an idea, instead a reality.
5. Building on this momentum, our renewable energy share has more than doubled, and energy efficiency has improved by over 25% since 2005. These achievements are not the result of any single effort, but the collective determination of all ASEAN Member States to move towards a cleaner, more secure, and more connected energy future.

DELIVERABLES OF AMEM 2025

7. Today, this evening, I am happy to inform under Malaysia's Chairmanship that 43rd AMEM has successfully achieved

its 2025 Priority Economic Deliverables and several important initiatives as follow:

- i. The endorsement of an **enhanced Memorandum of Understanding on ASEAN Power Grid (APG)**, which aims to strengthen regional interconnection;
- ii. The **endorsement of new APAEC 2026–2030**, that will serve as our roadmap for the next five years;
- iii. The endorsement of the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement (APSA) Successor Agreement;
- iv. The launch of the **APG Financing Initiative**, supported by the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, with a combined commitment of over **12 billion US dollars**;
- v. The endorsement of REC Framework for ASEAN and Nuclear Power Plant Development Framework;
- vi. The finalisation of Submarine Power Cable Term of References and the Renewable Energy Long-term Roadmap;
- vii. The launch of the ASEAN Energy Efficiency Database and Investment Platform;
- viii. The establishment of the ASEAN School of Regulation (ASR), which will be led by Malaysia; and many more significant milestones that are truly important to Energy Sector.

8. These milestones reflect ASEAN's determination to accelerate our energy transition, towards sustainable and inclusive that leaves no Member State or community behind.

MALAYSIA'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT

9. Malaysia remains deeply committed to this shared vision. We are proud to have helped lay the groundwork for initiatives such as the LTMS interconnection and the APG Financing Initiative that will drive investment, innovation, and regional prosperity.
10. Looking ahead, together we as ASEAN will continue to coordinate projects, harmonise technical standards, and turn plans into tangible outcomes. This reflects our shared belief that **national policies must complement regional goals**, for our destinies are truly interconnected.

A DEFINING MOMENT FOR ASEAN

Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

11. The theme of Energy Sector for this year's AMEM, ***"Powering ASEAN: Bridging Boundaries, Building Prosperity"***, captures that spirit perfectly. It is about

deepening integration, strengthening resilience, and ensuring that every Member State benefits from this transition.

CLOSING

12. As host, Malaysia stands ready to work hand-in-hand with all ASEAN Member States, dialogue partners, and international organisations to advance this shared vision. Let us reaffirm our unity, commit to tangible and transformative outcomes, and together, propel ASEAN towards becoming a regional leader in the global energy transition.
13. With that, I once again extend my warmest welcome to all delegates. May this meeting bring fruitful discussions and stronger cooperation for our shared energy future.

Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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