

CLOSING REMARKS

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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

A very good afternoon and Salam Malaysia Madani.

(SALUTATIONS)

Your Excellency Sharon Garin,
Secretary of Energy of the Philippines

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Ir. Ts. Razib bin Dawood,
Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE)

Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It is my honour to address you at this opportunity. As we conclude this year's **ASEAN Energy Business Forum**, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all participants, the ASEAN Member States, Dialogue Partners, industry leaders, and energy stakeholders, for your active engagement and valuable contributions throughout the forum.
2. Over the past few days, we have witnessed the strength of regional cooperation whereby we explored innovative solutions, shared best practices, and reaffirmed our collective commitment to a sustainable and resilient energy future for ASEAN.
3. This forum has come at a pivotal time. As we transition from the **APAEC Phase II: 2021–2025** to the next chapter of **APAEC 2026-2030**, the discussions held here will serve as

a foundation for our future actions. ASEAN have committed to a clear ambitious target in renewable energy and energy intensity under the APAEC 2026-2030.

4. These ambitions reflect the believe that the energy transition is no longer a distant goal, it is thus a present-day imperative, and ASEAN must lead with unity, ambition, and purpose.
5. Regional initiatives such as the **ASEAN Power Grid (APG)** and renewable energy integration are significant as an enabler of a shared prosperity in ASEAN. The new **Enhanced APG MOU** reflects our renewed commitment to realise the dream of a more interconnected ASEAN.
6. We believe that these regional projects are not just technical projects but also symbols of our shared vision. Closer regional cooperation, financing, innovation, and partnership with our closest partners will be key to unlocking our full potential.
7. These past few days have seen multiple initiatives and discussions contributing to advancing our energy goals and cooperation. ASEAN highly values the contributions made by the partners in making it happen for ASEAN.

8. We thank the support of the partners of the AEBF in GAMUDA, UEM Lestra, TNB and other partners of the AEBF and ASEAN. We believe that a close partnership between the energy stakeholders will make our energy cooperation advanced further to support the regional aspiration.
9. ASEAN is committed to developing our regional cooperation in ensuring energy security and accelerating decarbonisation for a just and inclusive energy transition as outlined in the theme of the APAEC 2026-2030. We believe that by working together, we can drive meaningful progress and ensure that no member state is left behind.
10. Let us leave this forum not only with new knowledge, but with renewed determination. Let us continue to power ASEAN's future through partnership, bridge boundaries through innovation, and build prosperity through sustainability.
11. I thank the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) for a successful implementation of the AEBF and for the support to the ASEAN Member States in advancing our energy goals and cooperation. As the APAEC and APG Secretariat, I commend the role of ACE to work closer with the Member States and our partners to support us in this journey.

12. As we conclude this year's AEBF, ASEAN is keen to welcome you again in the Philippines next year under the Philippines' ASEAN Chairmanship 2026.

Thank you. Terima kasih.

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.