

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION ASIA (CETA) SUMMIT 2025 MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE

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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Good afternoon, Salam Sejahtera and Salam Malaysia MADANI,

(Salutations)

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Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every great journey begins with a decision.

And today, as we gather under the banner of clean energy transition, we are reminded of a timeless truth from Surah Ar-Ra'd, Ayat 11:

"Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is within themselves."

This verse is not a statement — it is an invitation. An invitation for courage, for intention, for collective responsibility.

It tells us that transformation does not wait for perfect conditions;

That is why we are here. Not merely to exchange technical ideas, but because we know the energy transition is an amanah — a trust we must honour so our children inherit a world brighter than the one we stand in.

1. The Clean Energy Transition Asia Summit 2025 brings together leaders from across the region and world. It tells a powerful story:

Asia is ready. Asia is moving. Asia is committed.

- 2. Our region now drives more than half of global energy demand. By 2030, we will add electricity consumption equal to Japan and South Korea combined.
- 3. And to meet this responsibly, ASEAN alone needs **USD 200–300 billion** in annual clean energy investments.

This is not a challenge — it is a calling.

4. As Malaysia concludes its ASEAN Chairmanship, the message remains clear: *Our future will not be shaped by hesitation, but by boldness.*

As Tunku Abdul Rahman once said:

"The future does not belong to those who wait; it belongs to those who act with courage and clarity."

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 5. Under the MADANI Government, PETRA is not simply planning an energy system. We are crafting a future-ready ecosystem which is secure, low-carbon, flexible, and interconnected.
- 6. But every great vision is built on reality. On data, engineering, and unwavering confidence.
- 7. Malaysia's goal is ambitious: **70% renewable capacity by 2050.**
- 8. Solar will grow fivefold. Grid-scale battery systems will stabilise our future grids. Over **1GW** of storage is already moving under NETR.
- 9. But Malaysia's energy story is not confined within its borders.

10. As an anchor nation in the ASEAN Power Grid, we are shaping a regional energy corridor where electrons flow freely across nations — lowering costs, improving stability, and elevating competitiveness.

Tun Abdul Razak once reminded us:

"Development is not about adding wealth to numbers, but expanding opportunities for people."

11. This is precisely what energy transition must do — expand opportunities, create new industries, and ensure prosperity is shared.

Ladies and gentlemen,

12. Every transformation has milestones — markers of progress that tell us we are moving in the right direction.

Allow me to share ours.

13. Energy Exchange Malaysia (ENEGEM):

 Malaysia's first 50MW renewable energy export to Singapore is more than a technical achievement; it is a proof of capability, trust, and regional readiness.

14. Corporate Renewable Energy Supply Scheme (CRESS):

 Corporate RE adoption is rising sharply because Malaysia offers what global businesses seek: stability, competitive tariffs, and direct access to green electrons.

15. **Accelerating RE at Scale:**

We are preparing to add up to 2GW of new RE
 capacity annually — creating jobs, building
 supply chains, and shaping green industrial
 clusters.

The reflection is simple:

Energy powers industries. But clarity of vision powers transformation.

Malaysia chooses purpose over passivity.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every region has defining projects.

For ASEAN, it is the ASEAN Power Grid.

- 16. Malaysia sits at the heart of this system with five existing interconnections and more being developed.
- 17. ASEAN aims for full regional interconnection by 2045. And Malaysia will play the role of **balancing hub**, **transit nation**, and **anchor for multilateral power trading**.
- 18. We are harmonising codes, strengthening renewable certificates, and deepening green finance because a connected region is a competitive region.

As Tun Hussein Onn once said:

"In unity, strength. In cooperation, progress. This is how nations rise."

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 19. Investors today seek four things: Policy clarity. Regulatory stability. Competitive tariffs. Access to clean energy at scale.
- 20. PETRA is delivering all four consistently.

- 21. To CEOs, financiers, developers, and innovators: **Malaysia is open.** Malaysia is ready. Malaysia is committed.
- 22. Malaysia offers something rare in a volatile world: Stability. Scale. Connectivity. Certainty.
- 23. These are not just economic strengths, they are the foundations of trust.
- 24. Today, we launch R.A.C.E to ZERO 2026 a nationwide movement across five states. A movement to build capabilities. To connect businesses. To unlock projects. To create momentum.
- 25. Malaysia's commitments are clear:
 - To achieve Net-zero by 2050
 - And 45% reduction in carbon intensity by 2030

But commitments alone don't move nations.

Momentum does.

As YAB Perdana Menteri Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim reminds us:

"A great nation is built not by one hand, but by millions of hands working together."

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 26. As we look across Asia, one truth stands out: Our clean energy transition will define our competitiveness for the next 50 years.
- 27. The choices we make today, be it in policy, in technology, in investment, in cooperation we will shape not only industries, but livelihoods and legacies.
- 28. Malaysia is ready to walk this journey with you. To collaborate. To innovate. To lead with humility and courage.

Imam al-Ghazali reminded us:

"What is destined for you will reach you, even if it lies beneath two mountains."

And so he teaches us:

Our duty is to strive. The outcomes are with Allah.

Imam Shafie, too, guides us:

"Whoever seeks glory without effort has spent his life seeking the impossible."

So let us choose effort.

Let us choose courage.

Let us choose unity.

For Malaysia.

For Asia.

For the generations who will one day ask what we did when the world was changing.

Let us be able to say:

We chose to rise.

Thank you.