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KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) has proposed 13 collaborative projects under a two-year strategic collaboration to share best practices in capacity building with European transmission system operator Elia System Operator SA.

TNB chief executive officer Datuk Seri Azman Mohd said one the projects would benefit TNB's role in the regional Asean Power Grid (APG) initiative. The utility giant achieved a significant milestone for APG at the recent Asean Ministers on Energy Meeting in Manila, with the joint signing of an energy purchase and wheeling agreement by TNB, Laos' Electricite du Laos and Thailand's Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand.

In a statement yesterday, TNB said the collaborative projects are part of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between TNB and Elia, where both parties would cooperate in asset management, cross-boundary system and market operations, grid development, network studies and renewable integration.

The parties will also exchange technical information through annual reports and surveys, solutions to problems, technical and study trips and the necessary training programmes.

The two-year MoU is extendable for another year, Azman said, adding that it bodes well for TNB's advanced metering infrastructure project and ventures into renewable energy, both locally and overseas.

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