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KUALA LUMPUR (Aug 4): Asean member states will sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to implement the Asean Power Grid at the bloc's energy ministers' meeting in October.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said the MOU would outline a road map for the Asean Power Grid, including the harmonisation of standards and regulations, as well as a business model for cross-border energy exchange among member states.

"These are the matters that will be spelt out in the MOU, with each country expected to take the necessary steps to realise the Asean Power Grid," he told reporters after

the soft launch of the Asean Energy Business Forum (AEBF) 2025 here on Monday.

Also present were Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation secretary general Datuk Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli, and Asean Centre for Energy executive director Datuk Razib Dawood.

Fadillah, who is also the minister of energy transition and water transformation, said Asean had long discussed the Asean Power Grid. During his tenure as a co-chair of the energy ministers' meeting in Vientiane last year, member states agreed to revisit the initiative and ensure that the Asean Power Grid becomes a central focus moving forward.

He added that with the Philippines assuming the Asean chair next year, the hope is for the current MOU to evolve into a formal agreement, which would mark a significant step towards implementing the Asean Power Grid.

"The detailing part will involve each Asean country bringing feedback to their respective governments, where they will work out the specifics. From there, the working committee will engage with them to develop a unified agreement and a common standard for Asean," Fadillah said.