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SANDAKAN: Tanjung Papat Assemblyman Datuk Frankie Poon (pic) hopes the Sabah Energy Commission (ECoS) can establish clear guidelines in establishing renewable energy.



He said Sabah is currently experiencing an aggressive industrial transformation.

“The absence of environmentally-friendly energy sources, coupled with the increased promotion of renewable energy, makes Sabah an attractive investment destination in the country and abroad.

“Based on world geopolitical developments, Sabah is a preferred choice and a strategic location.

“This would also help increase the environmental, social and governance (ESG) index of the Sabah Government.

“As such, I hope the ECoS can establish transparent and clear guidelines for solar panel energy in order to encourage the installation and use of renewable energy,” he said in a statement, Friday.

Additionally, Frankie hopes the authorities will work closely with the Sabah Government to expedite all applications for power generation and supply.

“If there is a need to amend the law, the ECoS should make recommendations to the relevant minister,” he said.

He said he was also pleased that the State Legislative Assembly recently passed the three Bills that would pave the way for Sabah to assume regulatory power over electricity and renewable energy.

He said with the three Bills, namely the Electricity Supply 2024, Renewable Energy 2024 and Energy Commission of Sabah (Amendment) 2024, Sabah is marked with a brand new starting point.

“I am confident that SESB will overcome the need for subsidies in a period of seven years if ECoS can speed up the implementation of guidelines to ensure that all matters relating to generation, transmission and distribution of electricity can run smoothly in the next one to two years,” he added.

Franked also suggested that the State Government establish a new Ministry to manage public facilities including water, roads, electricity and telecommunications.