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KUALA LUMPUR (March 5): The Selangor state government is set to explore potential collaborations with Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) for various renewable energy projects, including the development of a centralised solar park (CSP).

The state government, Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS)-owned Worldwide Holdings Bhd and TNB inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the collaboration on Tuesday.

During a press conference after the MOU's signing ceremony, Selangor Menteri Besar and Worldwide chairman Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the MOU is aligned with the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) toward developing a CSP in collaboration with TNB.

Amirudin noted that the MOU is also to explore potential collaborations in floating solar, battery energy storage, electric vehicle infrastructure, energy efficiency and other renewable energy projects.

According to the NETR, the CSP initiative is to comprise five 100MW large-scale solar parks — an aggregate 500MW — to be co-developed by TNB in partnership with small and midsize enterprises (SMEs), cooperatives and state economic development corporations.

For the CSP in Selangor, Amirudin said the state government is eyeing land in Hulu Bernam, noting that PKNS already owns land in the area.

While Amirudin said parties are merely at the stage of discussing a potential collaboration with details yet to be cemented, he noted that based on TNB's plans, the CSP project could be completed by 2025 or 2026.

The MOU was inked by Selangor state secretary Datuk Haris Kasim, TNB president and chief executive officer (CEO) Datuk Megat Jalaluddin Megat Hassan, and Worldwide CEO Datin Norazlina Zakaria.