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TENAGA Nasional Bhd (TNB), through its wholly owned subsidiary, TNBX Sdn Bhd and the Public Works Department (PWD) is undertaking a feasibility study on the installation of rooftop solar on PWD buildings under the TNB Solar Energy Purchase Programme.

The study is one of the five areas of collaboration that both parties are considering under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on Saturday.

The non-binding and non-exclusive three-year MoU was signed by TNBX MD Nirinder Singh Johl, while PWD was represented by DG (specialist sector), Ir Kamaluddin Abdul Rashid.

"Hopefully, this initiative will raise awareness for a greater need for energy management in Malaysia," he said in a statement.

Under the MoU, TNB would invest, design, instal and maintain the solar photovoltaic (PV) system on PWD buildings throughout a 20-to-25 year contract period. With the installation of the rooftop solar PV system with TNBX, PWD will enjoy the benefits of clean electricity at zero capital upfront cost.

PWD would also be billed for the electricity generated from the solar PV system at a rate that is lower than the normal TNB electricity tariff. In addition, it can sell any excess energy generated from the solar PV back to TNB under the Net Energy Metering scheme.

TNB is targeting to generate 1,700MW of renewable energy (RE) by 2025, which will be in line with the government's target of generating 20% of RE resources by 2030.

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