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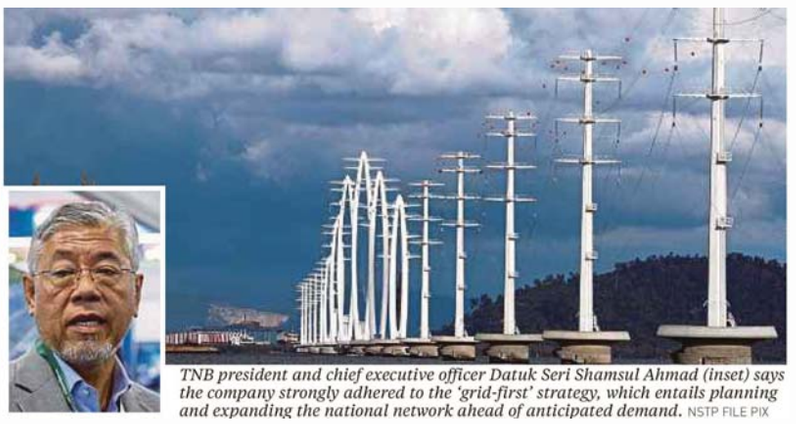
KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional Bhd has given top priority to strengthening the national grid, fully recognising that grid readiness is crucial to ensuring Malaysia's economic certainty and fulfilling the nation's energy and industrial objectives.

TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shamsul Ahmad said Malaysia's energy and industrial ambitions could only advance as fast as the grid infrastructure that supports them.

Against such a scenario, he emphasised that TNB strongly adhered to the "grid-first" strategy, which entails planning and expanding the national network ahead of anticipated demand, rather than reacting after it materialises.

He made these remarks when delivering the keynote address at the "Clean Energy Transition Asia (CETA) 2026" event, Asia's leading platform for clean energy investment, innovation and partnerships, which attracted more than 200 exhibitors.

Backed by approximately RM43 billion in network capital expenditure under Regulatory Period 4 (RP4) between 2025 and 2027, Shamsul said TNB is strengthening the national grid to safeguard the reliability and security of electricity supply that Malaysians depend on every day, while preparing for the nation's growing energy needs.



TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shamsul Ahmad (inset) says the company strongly adhered to the 'grid-first' strategy, which entails planning and expanding the national network ahead of anticipated demand. NSTP FILE PIX

"A stronger and resilient grid also enables TNB to support new economic opportunities, including in digitalisation and industrial growth, through initiatives such as the Green Lane Pathway," he said.

This initiative accelerates grid connections for eligible data centres without compromising supply reliability or engineering standards.

Beyond Malaysia, these investments also reinforce the nation's role in the Asean Power Grid, contributing to greater regional energy security, connectivity and collaboration, said Shamsul.

Ultimately, grid readiness creates economic certainty, he said.

"By investing ahead of the curve, TNB is ensuring our power infrastructure actively catalyses new investment and long-term national progress," he added. **Bernama**

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