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ABU DHABI: The Chereh Dam floating solar project in Pahang could help Malaysia develop renewable energy (RE) expertise that can be exported to other markets, Citaglobal Sdn Bhd executive chairman and president Tan Sri Mohamad Norza Zakaria said.

He said the project, developed with Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company (Masdar), a United Arab Emirates state-owned renewable energy firm, would enable Citaglobal to leverage Masdar's experience in technology, project financing and large-scale project management.

"In the longer term, we hope the expertise developed in Malaysia can also be exported to other markets," he told Bernama in an exclusive interview on the sidelines of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week 2026.

Mohamad Norza said the project was strategically important as Malaysia seeks to position itself as a renewable energy hub for ASEAN, with Citaglobal supporting the gov-

ernment's National Energy Transition Roadmap.

"Masdar's experience, including completed floating solar projects in Indonesia, provides continuity and confidence for this project in Malaysia.

"Floating solar is a niche technology, and participation in this partnership gives our team valuable exposure and learning opportunities," he said.

He added that the project involves a sizeable financial commitment due to its scale.

"The long-term power purchase agreement signed with Tenaga Nasional Bhd provides revenue certainty and strengthens the project's economic fundamentals," he said.

The 200-megawatt floating solar photovoltaic project at Chereh Dam is Masdar's first renewable energy project in Malaysia and is expected to be Southeast Asia's largest floating solar facility once operational. - Bernama