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PETALING JAYA: Tan Chong Motor Holdings Bhd's (TMCH) new floating large-scale solar photovoltaic (LSSPV) plant in Serendah, Selangor, has been commissioned and is expected to supply 1.043 million megawatt hours of green energy to Tenaga Nasional Bhd under a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA).

The floating LSSPV plant will be managed via TMCH's subsidiary, TC Sunergy Sdn Bhd (TCS), and commenced operations on Jan 5, 2024.

According to the group, the plant will contribute to a reduction of 610,221 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere, equivalent to removing 132,656 units of vehicles or planting of 29.06 million trees.

In an attempt to maintain the current biodiversity and water quality of Serendah Lake and the surrounding environment where the facility is located, TCMH said the plant only covers up to 60% of the water surface for the installation of the floating photovoltaic system.

The auto group's chief executive officer Daniel Ho said the TCS floating LSSPV in Serendah represents a significant milestone as the group's first venture into the renewable and sustainable energy sector.

He added the solar plant is a result of the TCMH's participation in the 20-megawatt solar photovoltaic project under the LSSPV Bidding Cycle 4 by the Energy Commission in 2020.

"This marks the group's first foray into the renewable energy sector. TCMH Group is pleased to be able to play our part in conserving the environment for our future generations," Ho said.

TCS is a consortium established through Tan Chong Motor Assemblies Sdn Bhd (TCMA), APM Shock Absorbers Sdn Bhd, and TCIM Sdn Bhd (TCIM).