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KOTA KINABALU: The National Consumer Foundation Malaysia (Sabah Branch) welcomes the recent statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim affirming Malaysia’s commitment to renewable energy investment and climate sustainability.

The Prime Minister’s call — outlined on his official Facebook page — emphasizes the government’s strategic focus on decarbonisation, energy security and sustainable economic growth, said chairman of the consumer group, David Chan.

He said the RM43 billion allocation to upgrade the

National Grid, support for AI-enabled energy systems, battery storage, and carbon capture initiatives marks a bold and necessary step toward national resilience and global competitiveness.

“We applaud the Prime Minister’s leadership in: Accelerating the Renewable Energy Transition, with clear emphasis on transitioning away from fossil fuels toward solar, hydro, and clean alternatives; Promoting Energy Equity, ensuring that rural and East Malaysian states like Sabah are not left behind in the energy transformation journey;

Empowering Strategic Investment, including offshore carbon capture and storage (CCS) developments by Petronas that will help Malaysia meet its climate targets while creating green jobs.

“As consumer advocates, we urge the Federal Government to ensure transparent implementation, fair pricing mechanisms, and strong regulatory oversight as Malaysia moves toward its 2050 net-zero goals. The renewable energy transition must be inclusive – benefiting not only corporations but also ordinary Malaysians, small businesses and underserved

communities,” said Chan.

He further called upon the Sabah State Government and relevant authorities to align closely with the national strategy by expediting state-level clean energy infrastructure, removing red tape for renewable investments, and empowering local industries and youth to participate in the green economy.

“The Prime Minister’s vision for a sustainable Malaysia is timely and commendable. We stand in full support and look forward to collaborative engagement to build a greener, fairer and more resilient future for all,” he added.