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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's energy transition requires more than expanding renewable energy capacity; grid readiness, infrastructure investment and regional cooperation are crucial to translating its ambitions into tangible progress, said Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) President and Chief Executive Officer Datuk Seri Ir. Ts. Shamsul Ahmad.

He said a reliable and resilient electricity network, supported by energy storage, digitalisation and stronger collaboration across the energy sector, would be essential to delivering the country's energy transition.

Shamsul said during an opening presentation and participated in a high-level panel discussion titled "Delivering Malaysia's Energy Transition: Scaling Clean Energy, Strengthening Grid Flexibility and Powering Regional Connectivity" at the Malaysia Pavilion during the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31), according to TNB's posts on social media.

Organised by the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA), the session was attended by its Secretary-General, Datuk Seri Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli.

It also brought together senior government representatives, industry leaders and key stakeholders, including Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA)



Malaysia chief executive officer Datuk Hamzah Hussin, as well as representatives from Gentari, UEM Lestra and Sarawak Energy.

The discussion focused on accelerating renewable energy development, strengthening grid readiness and flexibility, mobilising sustainable investment and advancing regional electricity connectivity through the ASEAN Power Grid (APG).

The APG is an ASEAN initiative to connect the electricity networks of member states, enabling cross-border electricity trade while strengthening regional energy security, system resilience and renewable energy integration.

Shamsul said the true measure of the energy transition was not the ambitions announced, but the progress delivered.

"We believe that the true measure of energy transition is not the ambition we announce, but the progress we deliver," he said. –Bernama

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