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KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) and DHL Express Malaysia (DHL) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will explore the framework of greener supply chain development, highlighting both companies' commitment to environmentally responsible business practices.

In a joint statement, they said the MoU will, among others, focus on making deliveries more environmentally friendly with the introduction of electric vehicles (EV) in DHL's fleet, marking a new milestone in the international courier's commitment to zero emissions logistics by 2050.

The MoU further includes cooperation in zero carbon and cost reduction initiatives, encompassing the implementation of energy-efficient equipment, building energy management systems, and rooftop solar panels.

DHL is currently assessing TNB's current electricity supply chain and identifying opportunities for enhancement, the statement said.

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"As DHL grows its fleet of electric vehicles in the coming years, TNB aims to gradually build more EV charging stations at DHL's facilities and their delivery routes," said the power utility's president and chief executive officer Datuk Ir Bahrain Din.

DHL Express Malaysia and Brunei managing director Julian Neo and TNB chief retail officer Datuk Ir Megat Jalaluddin Megat Hassan signed the MoU, which is effective for 12 months starting June 10, 2021.

With TNB taking the lead with the installation of EV charging infrastructure on-site and at strategic locations along service routes, DHL will roll out the first batch of EV vans at its Kuala Lumpur service centre by early next year.

In Malaysia, Neo said, DHL

provides additional carbon reporting services that allow customers to analyse their environmental footprint and manage their carbon emissions.

"Customers can also receive verified calculation and offsetting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for our transport and logistics services through climate protection projects. Through collective efforts with partners like TNB, we can achieve long-term sustainable value for the communities we serve and meet our group-wide goal of zero GHG emissions by 2050," he added.

On the generation side, TNB is strengthening its position in the domain of sustainable energy sources by adopting emerging renewable energy (RE) technologies of solar, wind, biomass and biogas which accounts for 713.2 MW of generation.

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According to the statement, the utility giant is targeting to increase its RE capacity to 8,300 MW by 2025, driven by domestic and international initiatives.

As of March 2021, TNB's RE capacity stands at 3,402 MW, of which 2,736 MW is within

Malaysia and 666 MW from international.

The MoU comes as part of DHL's measures to strengthen its portfolio dedicated to EV logistics and in line with the courier firm's parent Deutsche Post DHL Group's increased pace to decarbonise the

company.

To this end, the group is investing a total of seven billion euros (RM4.91 per euro) over the next 10 years in reducing its carbon dioxide emissions, which includes the expansion of its e-vehicle fleet. — Bernama