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Bid to drive foundational support for EV adoption in Malaysia

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ENAGA Nasional Bhd (TNB), through collaborative efforts with various stakeholders, is poised to lead Malaysia's low-carbon mobility transition, particularly via battery electric vehicles (EV).

TNB chief strategy and ventures officer Datuk Fazlur Rahman Zainuddin said although it was crucial for the energy sector to gradually decarbonise, other sectors, including the transportation sector, must also undertake similar efforts.

"As TNB continues its efforts to decarbonise its operations, we are also prepared to lead this transition for the transportation sector, not only as the infrastructure provider but to drive a collaborative approach with a coalition of stakeholders."

He said electrification of mobility was an economic gamechanger as the new technology would stimulate higher-value economic activities.

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Tenaga Nasional Bhd says it is willing to provide the electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure nationwide as it is 'very serious on the EV front'. PIC BY MOHD YUSNI ARIFFIN

ture nationwide as we are very serious on the EV front.

"We have set up a Project Management Office to drive the EV agenda and look forward to making strong strides forward, along with our partners on this path."

Fazlur said TNB wanted to drive the foundational support for EV adoption in Malaysia.

"In line with the government's low-carbon agenda, we are keen to work with any private sector party that wants to transition to electric mobility.

"At the same time, we want to

step up multi-ministerial engagements to flesh out Malaysia's low-carbon mobility plans. Decarbonisation must take an all-of-government and all-of-society approach to work," said Fazlur.

Last year, TNB and the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Centre installed 73 EV charging stations in 31 locations.

TNB's recent memorandum of understanding with DHL Express Malaysia to install EV charging stations along DHL's key service routes will help the logistics company advance the electrification of its fleet.

Both collaborations underline how synergies between companies can help the transition to electric vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions further.

Based on the Malaysia's 3rd Biennial Update Report to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, transportation contributed around 55,188 Giga grams of carbon dioxide, which accounts for around 21 per cent of Malaysia's total CO2 emissions in 2016.