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## REVOLUTIONISING ASEAN POWER GRID

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) is spearheading a "transformative partnership" with China's state-owned utility companies, aimed at revolutionising the Asean Power Grid (APG) through cutting-edge, high-voltage direct current (HVDC) technology.

This move underscores TNB's commitment as a regional energy leader dedicated to advancing sustainable energy solutions, It said yesterday.

President and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Baharin Din noted the pivotal role of HVDC

technology in fostering efficient power trading, seamless resource sharing, and the integration of renewable energy (RE) sources among Asean nations.

He said TNB was at the forefront of pioneering sustainable energy initiatives in Asean and its exploration of HVDC technology was a testament to the company's commitment to innovation and sustainability.

"Interconnection using HVDC technology will benefit power trading, resource sharing and RE integration between neighbouring Asean countries.

"We are looking at collaborating with China's state-owned power companies.

"The potential partnership with them on HVDC projects is strategically designed to capitalise on their expertise and experience in developing complex HVDC projects in China and globally.

"This signifies a milestone in our growth and a testament to our



Datuk Seri Baharin Din

dedication to pushing the boundaries of sustainability and technological innovation."

Reaffirming TNB's commitment to the APG, Baharin said the company had inked five memoranda of understanding with neighbouring countries, focusing on interconnection and renewable energy generation.

He said the burgeoning energy

demand from data centres, coupled with TNB's Grid of the Future (GoTF) efforts, served as a driving force behind the APG revolution.

He disclosed the completion of six data centre projects, totalling about 292 megawatts (MW) of demand, with two projects commissioned ahead of schedule.

Baharin highlighted the strong interest in electricity demand, foreseeing a potential equivalent of over 7,000MW by 2035, solidifying the necessity for TNB's regulated GoTF investments. **Berna-**