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KUCHING: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) will be buying Sarawak coal for the first time after exchanging a coal-supply contract agreement with local firm Sino Natural Resources Malaysia Sdn Bhd (SNRM) to ship coal to the peninsula.

SNRM in a statement on Thursday said the first shipment is expected before the end of the year.

The contract was exchanged in Kuching during a visit by an 18-member delegation from the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA), the Energy Commission and TNB affiliates TNB Fuel Services, TNB GenCo and Jimah East Power.

The delegation was in Sarawak this week on a mission to explore the import of Sarawak coal for the peninsula's coal-fired power stations, it said.

Led by TNB Fuel Services managing director Jamal Yusoff, the delegation visited Bintulu, Mukah and Kuching.

The delegation was in Bintulu to look into the logistics for



Jamal (third left) and Ong (third right) exchange documents in the presence of officials from PETRA and the Energy Commission.

shipping coal to the peninsula before visiting Mukah to view the coal-mining operations there.

The documents were exchanged between Jamal and SNRM managing director Ong Liang Teck in the presence of officials from PETRA and the Energy Commission.

SNRM described the deal as a historic milestone as it represents the first time TNB is buying Sarawak coal.

"It is a response to the federal

government's request to diversify the country's coal supply sources and to ensure security of supply by buying local coal where feasible," it said.

The decision is also part of Sarawak's contribution to TNB's coal-supply requirements and will save foreign exchange while also ensuring supply resilience in view of geopolitical risks, it added.

According to SNRM, TNB is said to welcome not just this first coal-

supply contract with a Sarawak company but the possibility of obtaining more coal from Sarawak in the near future.

The company said coal for power generation remains a crucial component in the country's energy mix.

It added that coal is likely to remain a mainstay in the face of some uncertainties for other inputs such as oil and gas, and as the country ramps up renewable energy.