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KUCHING: Sarawak’s ambitious green energy transition agenda is being recognised as a pivotal force in propelling Malaysia toward its target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The state’s efforts were praised by Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) during the Asean Asean Business and Investment Summit in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Megat Jalaluddin Megat Hassan emphasised the critical need for a common objective among Asean countries to fortify the region’s green energy network.

“To achieve this goal, Asean countries need to have the

same objective, which is to fight for the development of green energy for the region,” he said in a session titled ‘Energy Transition and the Asean Power Grid – Connecting Markets, Securing Futures’.

“If we continue to adhere to that principle, it will lead Asean towards net zero 2050.”

In the same session, Sarawak Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg was asked by session moderator Datuk Abdul Razib Dawood, who is also Asean Energy Centre executive director, on Sarawak’s implementation of large-scale energy projects and their implications for regional cooperation.

Abang Johari suggested that

Asean could look to the energy system shared by the Nordic countries and the European Union as a model.

He highlighted their use of submarine cables to create a transparent and efficient cross-border energy exchange.

Meanwhile, ADB Southeast Asia Department director general Winfried Wicklein reaffirmed the bank’s commitment to backing the development of the Asean Energy Grid.

He described it as a strategic project vital for enhancing energy sustainability and regional economic integration.