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TUARAN: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said several major power generation projects are being planned to address electricity supply issues in Sabah and increase the state's reserve margin to 30% by 2030.

Fadillah, who is also energy transition and water transformation minister, said based on information from the Energy Commission of Sabah, one planned initiative is to purchase electricity from Sarawak this year.

He added that other projects include a new 100mw power plant and a 100mw large-scale solar farm.

"The federal government believes that Sabah's electricity supply issues can be mitigated by the strategic approach undertaken by the state government," he

said during a Sabah Electricity community event and joint Christmas 2024 and Chinese New Year 2025 open house on Sunday.

Also present were Deputy Chief Minister III Datuk Shahalmey Yahya, Sabah Rural Development Minister Datuk Jahid Jahim, Sabah Tourism, Culture and Environment Assistant Minister Datuk Joniston Bangkuai, and Sabah Electricity Chairman Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau.

Fadillah added that through the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry, the federal government has allocated RM102.9 million this year for the execution and completion of projects aimed at enhancing electricity supply services in Sabah.

"Following the transfer of regulatory authority, I hope the state government will

remain committed to addressing services related issues, thereby meeting the growing demand."

He said the ministry is ready to collaborate with the state and provide guidance should Sabah require assistance or advisory services.

"The federal government is also committed to supporting Sabah's electricity generation development agenda to ensure that the people benefit from a more stable and reliable electricity supply system.

"As agreed, the indicative ceiling for federal subsidies to Sabah Electricity from 2024 to 2030 amounts to RM3.54 billion.

"It covers fuel subsidies, large-scale solar projects, tariff support and renewable energy initiatives under the Feed-in Tariff scheme," said Fadillah. – Bernama