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BUSAN: Malaysia is actively exploring best practices and the capabilities of clean energy and power plants, including nuclear and wind turbines, to suit the country's needs, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

He said that this is aligned with Malaysia's plan to add 8,000 megawatts (MW) of efficient gas-fired capacity by 2030 to provide a stable, bridging energy supply during its transition to a low-carbon economy.

Fadillah, who is also the minister of energy transition and water transformation, is in the South Korean city of Busan until tomorrow, in conjunction with the 15th APEC Energy Ministers' Meeting (APEC EMM15) and a series of working visits.

"We conduct visits abroad and to foreign companies to assess their capabilities in turbine manufacturing.

"At the same time, it provides us with the opportunity to negotiate how they can support us, as Malaysia will also be building many more power plants.

"We hope they can assist, given that obtaining turbines is quite challenging," he told reporters after visiting Doosan Enerbility, a leading plant expert of the power and water industry, in Changwon yesterday.

Under the National Energy Transition Roadmap, the government has set an ambitious target of 70% renewable energy capacity by 2050, which requires at least RM637 billion in investments to upgrade the grid, install RE capacity and enhance energy storage, among others.

Fadillah emphasised that Doosan Enerbility has committed to finding ways to help Malaysia expedite the construction of power plants.

"The challenge we face now is that if we wait to obtain a turbine, the earliest would be after 2029," he said. – Bernama