Tenaga Nasional Berhad’s (TNB) more than 8.5 million customers will have access to real-time data about their power consumption and thus, be able to make informed choices about energy usage once an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) is deployed by the national utility corporation.

TNB President/Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Ir. Azman Mohd said TNB will soon join other Asian utilities in the deployment of these smart meters as part of its initiatives towards energy sustainability and security.

“We have completed a smart meter/AMI ‘live’ pilot project to understand the technologies, regulatory and customer challenges and we will be embarking on the AMI on a larger scale in the near future,” he said at the AESIEAP CEO Conference 2015 in Chiang Mai, Thailand on Monday.

AESIEAP or Executive Committee Member of Association of the Electricity Supply Industry of East Asia and the Western Pacific has since its inception in 1975, worked to foster cooperation and exchange of expertise and technology among entities in the electricity supply industry.

Ir. Azman noted that many countries in the Asia Pacific, notably Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea are deploying smart meters on a large scale to leverage its capabilities in grid control and monitoring.

At the same time, the utilities in the region are exploring added-value services such as Customer Energy Portal, Demand Response, Enhanced Time of Use (TOU) tariff, Critical Peak pricing (CPP), and Net Energy metering (NEM), added.

Other related aspects on sustainability, such as renewable energy plan and initiative, energy efficiency program and long term energy options were also discussed by the regional countries members at the conference.

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