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### **2,000 DELEGATES EXPECTED AT CEPSI 2018, ONE OF WORLD'S TOP ENERGY CONFERENCES**

- Tun M to Deliver Special Address

Nearly 2,000 delegates are expected to attend CEPSI 2018 or the Conference of Electric Power Supply Industry 2018, the largest energy and electricity supply industry conference ever to be organised in Malaysia, at the KL Convention Centre here from Tuesday till Thursday.

In addition, an estimated 4,500 visitors are expected to throng various booths put up by more than 100 exhibitors at a dedicated exhibition held in conjunction with CEPSI 2018 at the same venue.

Under the theme of “Reimagining Utility of the Future”, it is hosted by Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) on behalf of the Association of the Electricity Supply Industry of East Asia and the Western Pacific (AESIEAP). CEPSI 2018 brings major industry leaders from all over the world together to look at a number of important industry issues such challenges, strategies, sustainability, technologies and the future related to energy.

CEPSI is hosted once every two years for energy players in East Asia and the Western Pacific to discuss energy issues. Since its inception in 1976 in Hong Kong, CEPSI has grown in stature as a key international meeting point for power industry companies, utility leaders, industry professionals and experts from all over the world to exchange ideas and learn from one another.

This year's event will be the largest power utility conference ever for Malaysia as CEPSI is often regarded as a must-attend event for CEOs, senior executives, engineers, government officials and experts in the electric and power sector.

Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, who was the guest of honour when Malaysia/TNB last hosted CEPSI in 1996, will deliver a special address at the 22nd annual edition of CEPSI on Tuesday afternoon.

Datuk Seri Ir. Azman Mohd, President of AESIEAP 2017/2018 & President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), will deliver his welcome address on Tuesday morning before the Minister of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC), Yeo Bee Yin, makes a keynote address at the opening of the conference and declares open the exhibition later.

Concurrently, the 44th council meeting of AESIEAP and its Executive Committee General Assembly will be held during CEPSI 2018.

For the conference proper, 17 thought leaders have been invited to share their thoughts and wealth of knowledge on energy issues as well as discuss best practices on crucial issues like global trends and shifts, future utility, sustainability, innovation, digitalisation, megatrends, as well as a smarter future for the electricity supply industry (ESI).

Among the experts and opinion leaders are Jonathan Woetzel, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Co; Indranil Lahiri, President and CEO, Siemens Malaysia; Lara Olsen, Head of Business Development and Growth, Tesla Energy; Brad Gammons, Global Managing Director, IBM Energy, Environment & Utility Industry; Sharbini Suhaili, Group CEO, Sarawak Energy Bhd; Dr Alexander Kotouc, Head of Product Management, BMW i, BMW Group; Dr. Ken Koyama, Chief Economist and Managing Director, Institute of Energy Economics, Japan; and Venu Nuguri, Senior Group Vice President, ABB Group's Power Grids Division, South Asia, Middle East and Africa.

The other speakers are Paul Scanlan, Chief Technology Officer, Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.; Dr Hiroshi Okamoto, Executive Vice President, TEPCO Power Grid Incorporated; Zubin Postwalla, Marketing Leader China, East Asia Pacific, Grid Solutions, GE Power; Yang Kun, Executive President, China Electricity Council; James Chong, Managing Director, Accenture Digital (ASEAN); Kamal Ballout, Global Vice President of Energy Segment, Nokia; Gavin Barfield, Chief Technology Advisor, MERALCO; an official of CGN; and Datuk Abdul Razak Abdul Majid, Chairman, Energy Council of Malaysia.

Their topics of discussion or presentation will revolve around this year's theme of reflecting the industry's transformation to cope with challenges from technology disruption, economic shifts, evolving sustainability and regulatory requirements, and increasing customer expectations.

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As such, the keynote sessions will touch on Global Trends and Big Shift in Electricity & Energy; Future Utility and Sustainable Development; Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) Digitalisation and Industrial Revolution (IR) 4.0; ESI Innovation & Smart Solutions; and Green Development & Transformation in ESI.

Apart from the five keynote sessions, an estimated 550 technical papers will be presented during CEPSI 2018. The technical papers will cover eight major streams on Sustainability and Green Energy, Generation & Future Alternatives, Transmission and Future Grid, Distribution and Advanced Network, Smart Grid and New Technology, ICT & Innovation, Retail & Customer Service, and Business Transformation & Others.

One of TNB's primary aspirations in hosting CEPSI 2018 is geared towards enabling fruitful discussions on the future of the energy supply industry and establish meaningful networking among delegates from more than 30 countries over the next three days. -- ENDS

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