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## **6<sup>TH</sup> ENERGY FORUM TO FURTHER ADDRESS MALAYSIA’S QUEST FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

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**Kuala Lumpur, 10 March 2015** – Energy experts, industry players and policy makers convened at the 6<sup>th</sup> National Energy Forum today, to discuss challenges and strategies in order to improve the future of energy security and ensuring sustainable energy for the country.

The 6<sup>th</sup> National Energy Forum is jointly organised by the Energy Commission (ST), Malaysian Gas Association (MGA) and the Energy Council of Malaysia (ECOM). “Sustainable Energy for Malaysia, Where Are We?” was the theme in addressing issues of resource depletion and ways to move forward under such circumstances. It is also timely as Malaysia will have to step up initiatives in making sure that sustainable energy is accessible for development to continue and flourish.

In the officiating speech, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Minister of Energy, Green Technology & Water said “the Government will continue to give high priority to ensure greater security and sustainability of energy supply, focusing on the diversification of energy mix with the view to maintain self-sufficiency and optimise efficiency in the utilisation of the nation’s indigenous resources. Long term measures to increase energy security will include reducing dependence on imported fuel, such as coal and LNG, increasing the number of suppliers and reducing overall demand through energy efficiency and conservation measures”.

The forum saw the participation of key figures from the country's industry, lending and sharing their expertise on various issues within the industry. Keynote speaker Nabuo Tanaka, Global Associate for Energy Security and Sustainability, Institute of Energy Economics, Japan shared his experience in global energy challenges while the second keynote speaker Dr. Dejan Ostojic, Lead Energy Specialist for East Asia and the Pacific, World Bank, talked about energy sustainability and impact on society.

The Forum which is now into its 6<sup>th</sup> round, is now considered as an important gathering of the country's energy fraternity, where experts and industry players have taken the opportunity to share with participants their invaluable views, as well as insights on major issues affecting Malaysia's energy scene. It is also a strategic platform for the Government and policy makers to share new developments, initiatives, and policies impacting the energy sector.

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