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### **KEY INDUSTRY PLAYERS MEET TO DISCUSS ON CLOSING THE ENERGY SUPPLY – DEMAND GAP OF THE NATION**

**Kuala Lumpur, 28 February 2012** – Recognizing the challenges and potential prospects of energy and fuel supply/demand of the country, the Energy Commission of Malaysia today organized the first National Energy Security Conference, attended by key players in the local energy sector.

The one-day conference with the theme, *“Closing the Energy Supply – Demand Gap”* has brought together government leaders and experts from the industry with 14 speakers from reputable organizations in Malaysia.

Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, former executive director of International Energy Agency and global associate for energy security and sustainability, Institute of Energy Economics Japan, delivered a keynote address titled *“Global Energy Outlook-Energy Security for the 21<sup>st</sup> century”*.

In addition to matters pertaining to the development of Malaysia’s energy sector, the panel discussed challenges and potential solutions which will greatly assist the government in addressing the nation’s energy security issues.

At the same event, the Energy Commission of Malaysia also launched the Malaysia Energy Information Hub (MEIH), a portal undertaken and managed by the Commission, with the primary objective of establishing a comprehensive national energy database to support the dissemination and distribution of energy statistics in Malaysia to local and international stakeholders and the general public.

MEIH also aims to help strengthen the Commission's role in responding to enquiries and requests from the public and private sectors regarding the country's energy data. The Hub collects data and information relevant to the energy planning and energy pricing which are then deposited in the energy database system for easy reference.

It would also perform analysis for energy supply mix, efficiency of electricity generation, refining efficiency, overall energy transformation efficiency and energy intensity which could contribute to farther policy making purposes to strengthen the Commission's position in regulating the energy sector.

Other functions and benefits of MEIH include:

- Formulation of energy policies and monitoring their impact on the economy
- Monitoring of national energy security
- Planning of energy industries' development and promotion of energy-conserving technological processes
- Environmental policy, especially greenhouse gas emission inventories and environmental statistics
- To assist policy makers with relevant data to support and guide their decision making
- Developing a reliable energy outlook modelling
- Historical trend of energy supply and demand

The event is officiated by Dato' Sri Peter Chin Fah Kui, Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water.

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## **ABOUT THE ENERGY COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SURUHANJAYA TENAGA)**

The Energy Commission (EC) of Malaysia was established under the Energy Commission Act 2001 on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2001 and became fully operational on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2002. The Commission regulates the energy supply activities, enforce the energy supply laws and promote further development of the energy industry in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah. The Commission comprises of Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and nine other members. For further information, visit <http://www.st.gov.my>