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KUCHING: Malaysia has to relook its energy policy if the country is to achieve a 'Clean Malaysia' status, says Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg.

He said the country cannot be too dependent on fossil fuels, which are fast depleting and have great impact on the environment, adding he believed renewable energy was the way forward due to its minimal impact on the environment and carbon emission.

"That is why in Sarawak, we are giving strong emphasis on renewable energy, having built our dams to produce hydro power. Currently, we have three fully-operational hydroelectric dams, which are Batang Ai, Bakun and Murum while the Baleh Dam is coming up.

"These four dams have the potential to generate a total of about 22,000 megawatts of electricity," he said at the opening of Radiation Protection Conference and Workshop, here yesterday.