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ASEAN Centre for Energy and Huawei Strengthen Renewable Energy Collaboration at the 24th ASEAN Energy Business Forum (AEBF-24)

Vientiane, 25 September 2024 – The ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and Huawei Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today, during the <u>24th ASEAN Energy Business Forum</u> (AEBF-24). This MoU is a significant step in advancing renewable energy (RE) efforts across the ASEAN region, reflecting the increasing momentum at the forum in fostering sustainable energy cooperation.

The MoU was signed by **Beni Suryadi**, Acting Executive Director of ACE, and **Xie Qian**, Marketing Director of Huawei APAC Digital Power, in the presence of **Dr. Soukvisan Khinsamone**, Deputy Director General of Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM), Lao PDR, **Chen Yong**, President of Huawei APAC Digital Power Smart PV & ESS Business, and **Dr. Andy Tirta**, Head of Corporate Affairs at ACE and Chairman of AEBF-24. This strategic agreement emphasises the shared commitment of both organisations to advancing smart photovoltaic (PV) technology, with a focus on improving energy security, sustainability, and accessibility in the region.

Chen Yong, President of Huawei Asia Pacific Digital Power Smart PV & ESS Business, stated "Through this collaboration, Huawei is honoured to play a pivotal role in driving the region's energy transition by integrating advanced digital and power electronics technologies as well as renewable energy solutions. With a focus on sustainability, Huawei is committed to supporting ASEAN's energy goals by providing cutting-edge technologies that promote efficiency, reliability, and the development of green, smart infrastructure across the region."

The partnership will involve various initiatives, including joint research, technical workshops, and capacity-building programmes aimed at enhancing the development of renewable energy solutions in the region. This effort follows the success of the ASEAN Energy Data Centre, which was launched as part of ACE and Huawei's ongoing commitment to energy efficiency and digital transformation in ASEAN.

ACE and Huawei are currently collaborating on a joint study to enhance electrical safety standards for rooftop PV and BESS in ASEAN countries. A policy brief on the preliminary mapping of electrical safety standards and regulations was launched during this event. As part of this project initiative, a workshop on Smart PV Technology and Electrical Safety Standards for PV and BESS is scheduled for October 2024, with

participation from government officials and public power utilities, followed by the release of a White Paper in May 2025.

The cooperation outlined in the MoU will include collaborative research, capacity building, and technical exchanges, with a focus on smart PV technologies to drive ASEAN's energy transition. This new phase in the ACE-Huawei partnership highlights both organisations' dedication to fostering innovation in energy systems and promoting green energy solutions in the region.

About ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE)

Established on 1 January 1999, the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) is an intergovernmental organisation within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) structure that represents the 10 ASEAN Member States' (AMS) interests in the energy sector. ACE supports the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC), a blueprint for better collaboration towards upgrading energy. The Centre is guided by a Governing Council composed of Senior Officials on Energy from each AMS and a representative from the ASEAN Secretariat as an ex-officio member.

The three key roles of ACE:

- As a catalyst to unify and strengthen ASEAN energy cooperation and integration by implementing relevant capacity building programmes and projects to assist the AMS develop their energy sector.
- As the ASEAN energy data centre and knowledge hub to provide a knowledge repository for the AMS.
- As an ASEAN energy think tank to assist the AMS by identifying and surfacing innovative solutions for ASEAN's energy challenges on policies, legal & regulatory frameworks and technologies.

Keeping the region's improvement, sustainable and harmless to the ecosystem is a fundamental concern of the ASEAN energy sector. Hosted by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of Indonesia, ACE's office is located in Jakarta, Indonesia. For more information on ACE website: aseanenergy.org.

About Huawei

Founded in 1987, Huawei is a leading global provider of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices. We have 207,000 employees and we operate in more than 170 countries and regions, serving more than three billion people around the world.

Our vision and mission is to bring digital to every person, home and organization for a fully connected, intelligent world. To this end, we will work towards ubiquitous connectivity and inclusive network access, laying the foundation for an intelligent world; provide diversified computing power where you need it, when you need it, to bring cloud and intelligence to all four corners of the earth; build digital platforms to help all industries and organizations become more agile, efficient, and dynamic; and redefine user experience with AI, making it smarter and more personalized for people in all aspects of their life, whether they're at home, on the

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