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25th ASEAN Energy Business Forum (AEBF-25) Set for October in Kuala Lumpur to Advance Regional Energy Cooperation



Photo 1. (From left to right) **Puan Mareena Mahpudz**, Deputy Secretary General (Energy) of PETRA, **Dato' Haji Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli**, Secretary-General of PETRA, **Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof**, Deputy Prime Minister II & Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA), **Dato' Ir. Ts. Razib Dawood**, Executive Director of ACE, and **Dr Andy Tirta**, Head of Corporate Affairs Department at ACE & Chairman of AEBF-25, during the launching event in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 4 August 2025.

Kuala Lumpur, 4 August 2025 – The ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) co-organise the Launch of the 25th ASEAN Energy Business Forum (AEBF-25) at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) together with the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA) of Malaysia as the Host.

AEBF-25 will serve as a platform to strengthen regional cooperation and mobilise partnerships that accelerate ASEAN's energy transformation. Scheduled for **15 to 17 October 2025** at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, the forum will convene energy ministers from all 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS), global industry leaders, and over 1,500 delegates to accelerate the region's transition to an interconnected, sustainable energy ecosystem.

AEBF-25 brings the theme **“Powering ASEAN: Bridging Boundaries, Building Prosperity”** to underscore the region’s clean energy transition and economic integration goals, highlighting the theme of ASEAN Malaysia Chairmanship 2025 on Energy.



Photo 2. (Left to right) **Dato’ Haji Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli**, Secretary-General of PETRA Malaysia, **Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof**, Deputy Prime Minister II & Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA), **Dato’ Ir. Ts. Razib Dawood**, Executive Director of ACE, during the press conference.

YAB Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister II & Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA), Malaysia, highlighted the critical role of the forum in overcoming ASEAN’s energy challenges during the launching event. *“AEBF-25 is a dedicated platform to foster critical dialogues. It is not just a conference, it is a marketplace of ideas, a platform for partnership, and a catalyst for innovation. As ASEAN Chair in 2025, Malaysia is committed to ensuring that AEBF 2025 will be inclusive, forward-looking, and action oriented.”*

Dato’ Ir. Ts. Razib Dawood, Executive Director of ACE, reiterated the statement. *“This forum brings together the greatest minds in energy—from ASEAN and beyond—to ensure that our transition is not only sustainable but also just and inclusive. As ASEAN becomes the world’s fifth largest economy, energy demand will keep rising, and we must tackle it with ambition, innovation, and cooperation. AEBF as the international conference and exhibition will embody that unity as a forum that enables exchange, collaboration, and investment in support of ASEAN’s energy aspirations. The Centre stands ready to continue supporting ASEAN’s collective efforts in advancing regional cooperation, accelerating sustainable development, and ensuring energy security across the region,”* he said.



AEBF-25 will include policy dialogues, business-to-business networking, high-level roundtables, and exhibitions around the topics of ASEAN Power Grid (APG), Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), energy efficiency for buildings, financing and investment and many more.

Building on the success of last year's business forum, AEBF-25 will give the opportunity for key stakeholders in ASEAN's energy sector to connect and collaborate on advancing regional energy priorities, mobilise investments, and accelerate the transition toward a sustainable, secure, and inclusive energy future.

ACE and PETRA have extended open invitations to stakeholders from government, business, financial institutions, and civil society to actively participate, sponsor, and contribute to AEBF-25 this October.

For more information on AEBF-25, visit <https://asean-aebf.com/>

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About ASEAN Centre for Energy

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 the ASEAN energy sector. 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 in developing its 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, sustainability, 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.

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