

Public Forum on Reforms in Peninsular Malaysia's Electricity Sector

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Hilton Petaling Jaya Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Convened by Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

Objective and Themes

To convene a forum bringing together representatives of Malaysian society to discuss plans to reform Malaysia's electricity sector that are put forward for consideration by the government of Malaysia. The expected output of this forum is a book with summary of statements made in the discussions. Representatives are chosen from government bodies, energy suppliers, energy consumers, as well as regional figures with expertise in relevant areas. Discussion will revolve around four main themes: energy market outlook and regional experience with electricity market reform; electricity tariff review in Malaysia and its expected impact; reforms to increase competitiveness in Malaysia's electricity sector; and, transition and adaptation to a new sectorial structure.

Tentative Program

0830 – 0900 Arrival and registration

0900 – 0910 Welcoming remarks
Tan Sri Dato Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan
Chairman and Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia

0910 – 1100 **Session 1 Energy Market Outlook and Regional Experience in Sectorial Reform**

The aim of this session is to provide an introduction to energy subsidies and to distill relevant lessons and pointers from the experience of Indonesia and Thailand in electricity sector reform. The first part of discussion will explore the trends in energy subsidies in Asia-Pacific, in the context provided by the latest energy outlook. The second part of discussion will explore the circumstances that led to power sector reforms being undertaken in Indonesia and Thailand, obstacles and objections to reform, means and initiatives to overcome those obstacles and objections, and the degree to which the reforms have succeeded.

Moderator Datuk Loo Took Gee
Secretary General
Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water

Speaker (TBC)

Panelist 1 Dr. Maxensius Tri Sambodo
Economic Research Centre
Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

Panelist 2 Dr Pallapa Ruangrong
Commissioner
Energy Regulatory Commission (Thailand)

Panelist 3 Prof. Dr Darryl Jarvis
Associate Dean of Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social
Sciences, Head of Department of Asian and Policy
Studies
The Hong Kong Institute of Education

Q&A

1100 – 1110 Coffee break

1110 – 1240 **Session 2 Increasing Competition in Malaysia’s Electricity Sector**

The aim of this session is to establish the reasons for reforming the structure of Malaysia’s electricity sector. Following an outline of the aims and methods of the reform, discussion will focus around the challenges of creating a competitive, responsive and efficient electricity sector.

Moderator Dr. Rozali Ali
Distinguished Fellow
ISIS Malaysia

Speaker Datuk Shahrol Azral
Director
Performance Management and Delivery Unit
(PEMANDU)

Panelist 1 (TBC)

Panelist 2 Datuk Ahmad Fauzi Hassan
Chief Executive Officer
Energy Commission

Q&A

1240 – 1345 Lunch

1345 – 1535 **Session 3 The Need for Electricity Tariff Review and Its Impact**

The aim of this session is to establish the reasons for reviewing electricity tariff in Malaysia and to explore its possible consequences – intended or otherwise. Following an outline of the aims and methods of the review, discussion will focus on the impact to the economy, industry and society.

Moderator (TBC)

Speaker Ir Azhar Omar
Senior Director

	Panelist 1	Energy Commission En. Ramamuthie Varathan Vice Chairman
	Panelist 2	Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (TBC)
	Panelist 3	Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations Dr. Zakaria Abdul Rashid Executive Director
	Q&A	Malaysia Institute of Economic Research
1535 – 1545	Coffee break	
1545 – 1710	Session 4 Transition and Adaptation	
		This session aims to explore the potential and means by which energy efficiency improvements can help Malaysian electricity consumers to adapt to a new electricity sector structure.
	Moderator	Dato' Abdul Razak B. Abdul Majid Chief Executive Officer MyPower Corp.
	Speaker 1	Tan Sri Dr. Fong Chan Onn former Chairman Sustainable Energy Development Authority
	Speaker 2	Prof. Dr. Soontorn Boonyatikarn Director of Faculty of Architecture Chulalongkorn University
	Discussant	Asfazaam Kasbani Assistant Resident Representative (Energy and Environment) United Nations Development Program
	Q&A	
1710 – 1720	Concluding remarks	