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NATIONAL ENERGY CENTRE TO BE UP NEXT YEAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 30 (Bernama) -- The National Energy Centre to be set up early next year will function as the focal point for all activities related to energy.

Energy, Telecommunications and Post Minister Datuk Leo Moggie said today that Tenaga Nasional Research and Development (TNRD) had been appointed to conduct a study and to submit proposals to the ministry on the various aspects of the project.

The study would ensure that the centre was properly set up, he told reporters after witnessing the signing of an agreement between TNRD and the ministry on the establishment of NEC.

It covers the status, role and responsibility of the centre, the financing for the project and how it could synergise power technology development for industrial needs, he said.

In fact, TNRD had begun the study last August and it was expected to submit a report to the ministry early next month, he said.

The centre, with its data base, could serve as the government's think tank on matters relating to policy and research in the energy sector, he said.

Moggie also said the National Telecommunications Council (NTC) will hold its first meeting here early next year.

The council is chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and has Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Moggie, several ministry secretaries-general and leading entrepreneurs as members.

The NPC's main task was to lay the foundation for the government and the private sector to work closely to promote the growth of the telecommunications industry and to draw up an agenda for achieving the objectives of the National Telecommunications Policy, he said.

"The rapid development in telecommunications as well as innovations in the sector have necessitated the formation of the council," he said. --

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