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PMS to witness signing ceremony

PETROLIAM Nasional Bhd and the Petroleum Authority of Thailand will sign agreements on their joint-venture investments in pipelines and separation plants and natural gas utilisation from the Malaysian-Thailand Joint Development Area (JDA).

The signing ceremony is being held in Alor Setar today witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Thai counterpart Chuan Leekpai.

According to the PTT, the shareholders agreement between PTT and Petronas on a 50:50 basis to operate the Trans-Thailand-Malaysia Gas Pipeline project and Gas Separation project.

Both parties will agree to jointly buy JDA natural gas on a 50:50 basis under a balancing agreement as well as undertake, under a Master Agreement for Gas projects, a feasibility of their joint investment in JDA gas utilisation in target areas of Thailand's five southern border province and Perlis and other Malaysian northern states.

PTT said both companies recognised the mutual national benefits from joint-investmen in laying gas pipeline through the lower south of Thailand to connect with Malaysia's northern natural gas transmission system - the Peninsula Gas Utilisation project III.

This gas transmission pipeline will serve as another alternative of gas utilisation.

The natural gas on Thailand part, on the other hand, is still in the field and can be brought into use any time.

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