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TNB STUDYING TO DOUBLE CAPACITY OF HULU TERENGGANU POWER STATION

KUALA TERENGGANU, Feb 20 (Bernama) -- A study for doubling the capacity of the Sultan Mahmud hydro-electric power station in Hulu Terengganu is underway and if implementable, it will be the largest such facility in the country.

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) planned to enhance the present capacity of 300 megawatt to 700 megawatt under phase two of the power station's expansion, its chairman Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Mohamed Jarjis said.

"We hope to complete study by year end and make the plan a reality," he told a press conference after the presentation of the Ohsas 18001 certification for occupational health and safety management to the station here last night.

Jamaluddin received the certificate from Sirim senior vice president Dr Mohamed Yusof Zakaria.

Jamaluddin said work for the second phase would not involve clearing of new forest areas as it would only entail extending the existing structure.

Jamaludin said TNB was also studying several locations nation-wide for potential hydro-electricity generation in line with the utility company's efforts to expand the country's energy-producing capacity.

"We have already identified several sites and hope to harness their hydro-electricity potentials," he said.

On upgrading staff efficiency and job quality, TNB will build seven training institutes for each of its component units so that more personnel could be trained and re-trained.

The present approach of only conducting training at its headquarters had limited the size of the target groups.

Also on TNB's main agenda for the next four years was providing staff housing as more than 8,000 of its 25,000-strong workforce have yet to have own quarters.

He expected a housing scheme offering 3,000 units of homes for TNB staff would be launched in June by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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