

# M'sia committed to reducing emissions: PM

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia is determined to be well-positioned to play its part in reducing emissions while ensuring that it is ready for the growth of a low-carbon economy, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday.

He said Malaysia has revised its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to reduce the intensity of greenhouse gas

emissions by 45% by 2030 compared with 2005 levels as part of the nation's responsibility towards overall global climate targets.

"The efforts towards achieving our NDC have been incorporated into the 12th Malaysia Plan and the National Energy Policy 2022-2040. This policy document strategically charts the way forward and outlines key priorities for the energy sector

in the coming years.

It positions the energy sector as a key catalyst for socio-economic development, and its progressive low carbon nation aspiration will ensure that the Malaysian economy can capitalise on opportunities arising from energy transition to remain resilient and sustainable," he said in his keynote address at Energy Asia 2023.

Anwar said to implement this policy successfully to reap the full benefits of significant socio-economic advances for the nation, the government is further developing several strategic roadmaps.

"Of paramount importance is the national energy transition roadmap, which will outline the overarching strategy and high-impact initiatives to expedite energy transition efforts.

"This roadmap will be complemented by the hydrogen economy and technology roadmap, which will pave the way for the achievement of environmentally sustainable, long-term energy security in Malaysia, driven by technological innovation."

Anwar said the two roadmaps were targeted for launch by the second half of the year.

He said Malaysia continues to see natural gas playing an important role in the energy mix and as one of the cleanest burning hydrocarbons to transition towards a lower carbon economy.

He added that the government, recognising the importance of managing methane emissions as a highly potent greenhouse gas, has committed to join the global methane pledge to cut emissions by 30% by 2030 compared with 2020 levels.

"Our existing mature industries also offer some natural adjacencies to the renewables and the lower carbon economy. As a traditional producer of natural gas and liquefied natural gas, hydrogen represents a natural next step in the value chain and offers a potential avenue for further economic growth," Anwar said. - Bernama



Anwar flanked by S&P Global vice-chairman Daniel Yergin (2nd left) and Petronas president and group CEO Tengku Muhammad Taufik Tengku Aziz. Also present at the event yesterday was Petronas chairman Tan Sri Mohd Bakke Salleh (fifth from left). - **AMIRUL SYAFIQ/THESUN**