

Pilot Summer School held for Energy Regulators in ASEAN

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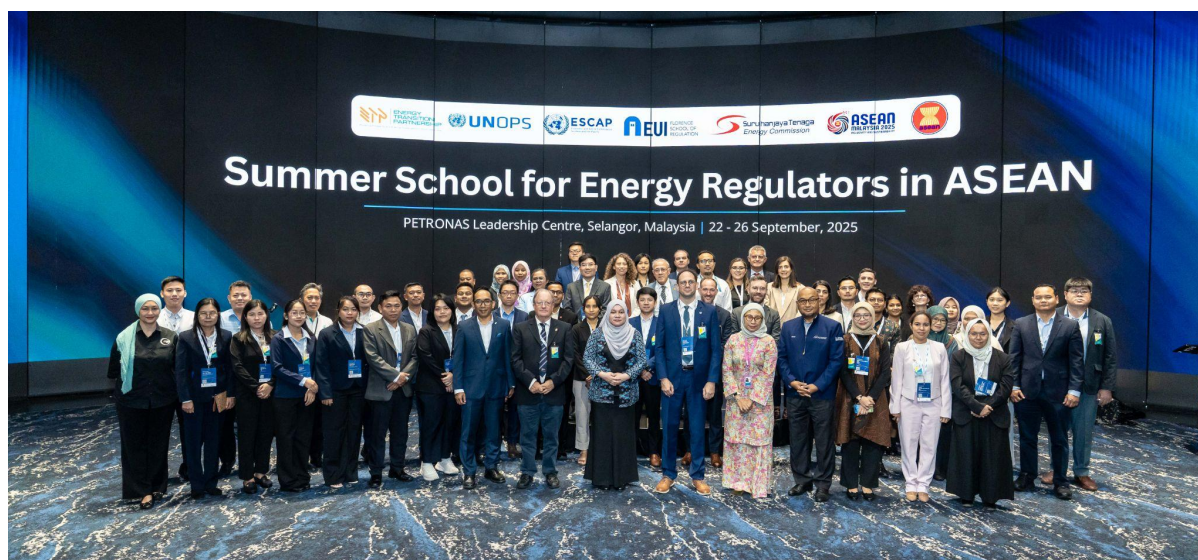
The Energy Commission of Malaysia as the Chair of the ASEAN Energy Regulatory Network (AERN) hosts a Summer School for Energy Regulators in ASEAN as part of the ASEAN School of Regulation Initiative, with support from ETP-UNOPS, ESCAP, and the ASEAN Secretariat. This joint initiative will provide vital technical assistance to regional energy regulators in Southeast Asia.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - The Energy Commission of Malaysia as the chair of ASEAN Energy Regulators Network (AERN) is establishing a new initiative to strengthen energy regulations across the region. With the support from the Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership (ETP), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the ASEAN Secretariat, the initiative was formally endorsed as a joint partnership to establish the ASEAN School of Regulation.

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In his speech, YBhg. Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar, the Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia identified regulators as a backbone of ASEAN's energy integration, with their collective cooperation being a determining factor of the region's shared vision. His speech was delivered on his

behalf by Ms. Siti Safinah binti Salleh, Chairperson, ASEAN Energy Regulators Network (AERN) 2024–2025 and Chief Executive Officer, Energy Commission of Malaysia.



The school's core mission is to support regional integration within ASEAN by strengthening and institutionalizing capacity building for policymakers and stakeholders, with a specific focus on regulatory harmonization. This new institution will also serve as a crucial platform for sharing best practices, facilitating knowledge transfer, and fostering collaboration among member states.

Inaugural Summer School for Energy Regulators

As a precursor to the school's full development, the Energy Commission of Malaysia in collaboration with ETP, ESCAP, and the Florence School of Regulation are hosting a pilot summer school in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from September 22-26, 2025. This program incorporates best practices and tailored content to enhance capacity on key cross-border power trade-related regulatory topics.

The summer school is designed for approximately 30 junior to mid-level officials from national regulatory bodies and electricity utilities across ASEAN member states. The training combines lectures, group work, and field visits, providing practical knowledge for those involved in the regional integration of electricity markets.

Organizers have set an ambitious goal for the school to become an independent and sustainable institution by 2027. This will be achieved through a phased implementation plan,

starting with the conceptualization of the school and the execution of a pilot summer program in the current preparatory phase (2024-2025). This will be followed by a pilot phase in 2026 to identify a host, establish a secretariat and develop comprehensive programs, and a transitional phase in 2027 to ensure the school's long-term sustainability and independence.