

**KEY OUTCOMES OF THE 29TH ASEAN MINISTERS ON ENERGY
MEETING (AMEM) IN BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI
DARUSSALAM, 20 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade & Industry Mr S Iswaran attended the 29th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and related meetings in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, from 20 – 21 September 2011.

2. The ASEAN Energy Ministers have agreed to concrete proposals to advance regional energy cooperation. In particular, the Ministers have agreed on the need to expedite regional connectivity projects such as the ASEAN Power Grid and Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline, which will open new market opportunities and boost overall energy security. The Ministers have tasked Senior Officials and the Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities (HAPUA) to work in tandem with the ASEAN Energy Regulators Network to speed up the harmonisation of regulatory practices and technical standards across the region. Private sector involvement would also be actively sought as a catalyst for the implementation of the ASEAN Power Grid.

3. The ASEAN Ministers also discussed regional nuclear safety developments post the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear incident. Noting the plans of some ASEAN Member States to pursue nuclear energy as an option in the medium term, the Ministers emphasised that ASEAN should promote and uphold the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) standards of safety and security in the development of civilian nuclear energy. The Ministers have also tasked the Senior Officials to develop a robust work programme, in collaboration with the IAEA and other relevant partners, to promote and intensify capacity building efforts. This will help the region get up to speed with the latest nuclear safety standards, developments and technologies.

4. Singapore looks forward to positive outcomes which will be reported at the 30th AMEM in Cambodia next year.

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