

S ISWARAN TO ATTEND 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 will attend the 29th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and related meetings in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, from 20 – 21 September 2011.

At the meeting, the Ministers will discuss initiatives to deepen regional energy connectivity. This includes projects such as the ASEAN Power Grid and the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline. The AMEM will also review the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action on Energy Cooperation (APAEC) for 2010 – 2015, with a strong focus on regional energy efficiency and conservation efforts. In view of renewed concerns over nuclear energy, the ASEAN member states will also explore efforts to strengthen cooperation in nuclear-related matters.

AMEM members will also meet Dialogue Partners from Australia, New Zealand, India, China, Japan and Korea to discuss measures to enhance energy cooperation beyond the ASEAN region. Russia and the US will also participate in the East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM) which will be held on 20 Sep at the sidelines of the AMEM.

The ASEAN energy ministers will also hold inaugural consultations with the Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA). During the 29th AMEM, a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by the ASEAN Ministers to institutionalise ASEAN-IEA energy cooperation to step up dialogue and information exchange on wider areas of energy cooperation. Mr S Iswaran will also be meeting the Executive Director of the IEA, Maria van der Hoeven at the sidelines of the AMEM.

Mr S Iswaran will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Energy Market Authority.

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