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**AUSTRALIA AND SARAWAK STRENGTHEN
COLLABORATION ON ENERGY STORAGE FOR A
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**


Kuching, Malaysia, 4 March 2025 – Australia and Sarawak have reaffirmed their commitment to integrating energy storage systems to support Sarawak’s transition toward increasing its share of renewable energy sources.

In a courtesy call to the Premier of Sarawak yesterday, representatives from both the Australian High Commission in Malaysia and Sarawak Energy Berhad (Sarawak Energy) agreed to partner on a strategic analysis of energy storage technologies, their integration into existing systems, and the policies to enable this transition, facilitated by Australia’s Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I) initiative.

The agreement was formalised through an exchange of letters between Australia’s High Commissioner to Malaysia, H.E. Ms Danielle Heinecke and Datuk Haji Sharbini Suhaili, Group Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Energy. The ceremony was witnessed by Ms Michelle Chan, Deputy Secretary of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg, Premier of Sarawak.

This collaboration will:

- Guide the effective deployment of energy storage and renewable technologies;
- Enhance Sarawak Energy’s capacity to model the benefits and optimal levels of energy storage systems;
- Identify viable energy storage technologies for Sarawak’s unique energy landscape; and
- Support investment in renewable energy technologies.



A Stronger Malaysia-Australia Partnership

This initiative reflects the deep and enduring partnership between Australia and Malaysia. In 2025, both nations will mark 70 years of partnership, built on shared interests, mutual respect and strong community connections. Malaysia remains a key economic partner for Australia, with total two-way trade in 2023-24 valued at AUD33 billion.

Leveraging Australia's P4I Initiative for Green Growth

Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I) is Australia's flagship infrastructure initiative in Southeast Asia, supporting economic growth through improved infrastructure planning, investment, and delivery by drawing on Australian experience and expertise. Through P4I, Australia is committed to supporting Malaysia as it accelerates towards a green economy. P4I supports key Malaysian ministries to improve policy and regulation to unblock sustainable financing and investment in clean energy and decarbonisation, including:

- Supporting greener, smarter maritime transport solutions;
- Accelerating an inclusive and just energy transition; and
- Strengthening Malaysia's leadership in ASEAN for clean energy and climate-resilient infrastructure.

This partnership underscores a shared vision for a sustainable and resilient energy future in the region.

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