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MINISTER OF ENERGY, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND WATER
OFFICIATED SEDA MALAYSIA'S NEW BRANCH OFFICE IN SABAH &
ANNOUNCED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEED-IN
TARIFF IN SABAH AND LABUAN

Kota Kinabalu, Tuesday (22 April 2014): YB Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water (KeTTHA) officiated SEDA Malaysia's new branch office this afternoon. Located in Likas Square Commercial Centre, Jalan Istiadat, Kota Kinabalu, it is the first energy efficiency retrofitted Government's office in Sabah and is now known as SEDA Malaysia's Low Energy Office (SEDA LEO). The office with a floor space of 1,182 square feet office has the potential of achieving more than 40 % energy savings on lighting and equipment compared to conventional air-conditioned office building in Malaysia of the same size.

2 SEDA Malaysia was established on 1st September 2011 with the key role of administering and implementing the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) mechanism under the Renewable Energy Act 2011 [Act 725]. The FiT mechanism obliges Distribution Licensees (such as SESB, TNB) to pay premium tariff to Feed-in

Approval Holders (FiAH) for electricity generated from renewable energy (RE) resources for a fixed period of time. This would provide opportunity for any interested party including the public to install renewable energy systems. Under the FiT portfolio, the RE resources included biogas, biomass, solar photovoltaic (PV), and small hydro.

3 The FiT was implemented on 1st December 2011 and at that time it was limited to Peninsular Malaysia. However, effective 1st January 2014, the FiT is opened to the State of Sabah and Labuan which is made possible with the contribution of 1.6 % additional charge from monthly electricity bill to the Renewable Energy Fund by all consumers of SESB. However, domestic electricity consumers who use not more than 300 kWh (RM69 for SESB domestic consumers) a month are exempted from such contribution.

4. During the launching ceremony YBhg Datuk Dr. Yee Moh Chai, Chairman of SEDA Malaysia, provided an update on the performance of the FiT. As at end of February 2014, SEDA Malaysia has approved 2,760 applications with a total installed capacity of 537.97 MW out of which 2,151 applications have reached commercial operation with a total installed capacity of 178.15 MW.

5 The Minister announced special quota of 2 MW allocation for solar PV for the individuals in Sabah and Labuan which will be opened for application

on 2nd May 2014 from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm. Applications for solar PV for the individuals for projects in Sabah and Labuan will be via the e-FiT online system whereby quota will be allocated immediately upon fulfilment of FiT criteria (efit.seda.gov.my).

6 The next quota opening session is scheduled at 4:00 pm on the same day for applicants applying for non-solar PV projects (e.g. biomass, biogas, and small hydro) in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Labuan. Applicants will be using the e-FiT online system and quota will be allocated immediately upon fulfilment of FiT criteria.

7 Running in parallel is the submission of applications for solar PV for the individuals in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Labuan where application submission will be opened from 4:00 pm (May 2, 2014) and closed at 5:00 pm on 12th May 2014. The application process is still via the e-FiT online system but the allocation of quota is based on a new queuing mechanism where the e-FiT online system will allow securing of queue number on 19th May 2014 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.

8 For solar PV for the non-individuals of up to 425 kW, the applicants can submit their draft applications via the e-FiT online system from 2nd May 2014 at 4:00 pm until 16th June 2014 at 5:00 pm. Draft applications with complete compliance to the requirements will be allocated quota via **balloting process**

which will take place at SEDA Malaysia HQ office in Putrajaya on the 18th June 2014.

9 The Minister also announced a quota of 5 MW being allocated to Sabah and Labuan for solar PV for the non-individuals for installed capacity above 425 kW with a cap of 1 MW per application. The quota will be available for application from 19th May 2014 at 9:00 am until 23rd May 2014 at 5:00 pm through a manual submission which must be delivered to one of SEDA Malaysia offices located either at Putrajaya or Sabah.

10 Lastly, a new 5 MW solar PV category for the community would be released for the first time on 1st July 2014 at 10:00 am and the maximum allowable capacity per community application is capped at **200 kW**.

11 All solar PV applicants are reminded to apply via registered solar PV service providers listed under SEDA Malaysia's website. Interested applicants for the FiT are advised to check the website, www.seda.gov.my, for latest information on release schedule, the legal and administrative requirements for Feed-in Approval applications submission.

12 The table in the following page provides a schedule of FiT quota release for various RE sources and application methodologies for different regions.

**SCHEDULE OF FEED-IN TARIFF QUOTA RELEASE (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER) FOR
PENINSULAR MALAYSIA, SABAH AND LABUAN**

RENEWABLE RESOURCE	QUOTA AVAILABLE (BASED ON COMMERCIAL OPERATIONAL YEAR) FOR APPLICATION IN 2014 (MW)				OPENING PERIOD	APPLICATION METHODOLOGY	REGION
	2014	2015	2016	2017 ¹			
Solar PV Individual (up to 12 kW)	2				2 May 2014 (7:00 am – 2:00 pm)	e-FiT Online System (efit.seda.gov.my)	Sabah & Labuan only
Solar PV Individual (up to 12 kW)	8				2 May (4:00 pm) - 12 May 2014 (5:00 pm)	e-FiT Online System (efit.seda.gov.my) with New Queuing System	Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Labuan
					19 May 2014 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)	Secure Queue No.	
Solar PV Non-Individual (up to 425 kW)	10				2 May 2014 (4:00 pm) - 16 June 2014 (5:00 pm)	e-FiT Online System (efit.seda.gov.my)	Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Labuan
					18 June 2014 ²	Balloting Day	
Biogas	10	15	15	15	2 May 2014 (4:00 pm onwards)	e-FiT Online System (efit.seda.gov.my)	Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Labuan
Biomass	15	18	20	20	2 May 2014 (4:00 pm onwards)	e-FiT Online System (efit.seda.gov.my)	Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Labuan

¹ Quota available from 1st July 2014 onwards.

² Time to be advised at a later date.

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	2014	2015	2016	2017 ¹			
Small Hydro			50	100	2 May 2014 (4:00 pm onwards)	e-FiT Online System (efit.seda.gov.my)	Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Labuan
Solar PV Non-Individual (> 425kW and including 1MW)	5				2 May 2014 (4:00 pm) – 23 May 2014	Setting up Profile	Sabah & Labuan
					19 May (9:00 am) - 23 May 2014 (5:00 pm)	Manual Submission (Putrajaya/Sabah Office)	
Solar PV Non-Individual (> 425kW and including 1MW)	10				2 May 2014 (4:00 pm) – 23 May 2014	Setting up Profile	Peninsular Malaysia
					19 May (9:00 am) - 23 May 2014 (5:00 pm)	Manual Submission (Putrajaya Office)	
Solar PV Community (up to 200 kW)	5				2 May 2014 (4:00 pm) – 30 May 2014	Setting up Profile	Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Labuan
					1 July 2014 (10:00 am onwards)	e-FiT Online System (efit.seda.gov.my)	

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