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KUALA LUMPUR: The construction of the RM12bil Jimah East Power (JEP) plant project has begun with the first concrete pouring ceremony in Jimah, Port Dickson.

The plant is at a strategic site, crucial to the security of power supply in the Peninsular.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd in a statement here said the two greenfield power units to be constructed at the site would add another 2,000 MW of generation capacity.

The generation capacity will be eventually increased from the current 22,747.53 megawatts (MW) to 25,198.53 MW by the end of 2020.

TNB owns 70% of the project through the acquisition of Edra Global Energy Bhd's stake in Jimah East Power Sdn Bhd (JEP) from 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) for RM46.98mil in July 2015.

The project was formerly known as Project 3B.

Japanese conglomerate, Mitsui and Co Ltd and Chugoku Electric Power, one of Japans biggest regional power utilities are TNB's strategic partner in the JEP with each owning 15% of the remaining stake in the company.

The JEP project will add one more high tech, ultra-supercritical coal plant (comprising two power units) to TNB's generation portfolio, while expanding its operational portfolio of high value generation assets to a total of three ultra-supercritical coal plants.

The others are Manjung 4 and Manjung 5. "This will strengthen TNB's domestic and international generation capacity and operational track record," said TNB. — Bernama