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## Energising the nation

THE Institute of Energy Policy and Research (IEPRE) and Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) hosted a public lecture titled "A Japanese View on the World Energy Future" in Uniten Putrajaya Campus by Energy Economics of Energy Commission chair Prof Dr Ken Koyama. Held at DK1 College of Computer Science and Information Technology, Uniten Putrajaya, it was attended by Uniten students and staff.

The auspicious event was officiated by Uniten and Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) chairman Tan Sri Leo Moggie. He said, "In line with Malaysia's quest to elevate the quality of human capital in the field of energy economics, Uniten, in collaboration with the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry through the Akaun Amanah Industri Bekalan Elektrik (AAIBE), offers scholarships as an initiative to attract professionals to pursue advanced academic studies for PhD and Master's programme."

"Since 2012, there have been six PhD and two Master's scholars undertaking the scholarships in energy economic studies. It is hoped this initiative would raise the competitiveness of human capital that is equipped with the right skills, knowledge and attitudes to thrive in a global energy economy."

"This public lecture series by the Energy Economics chair is an essential component of the programme. We intend to make this lecture series one of our flagship programmes where renowned professors, industry players, energy experts and the country's decision makers are invited to participate in contemporary topics and issues of general interests in the field of energy economics."

### Sharing insights

The event, which is part of IEPRe's flagship programme under the Chair in Energy Economics of Energy Commission at Uniten, is a medium to gather students, academicians, scholars, policymakers, industry players, business leaders and members of the public to share their insights, knowledge and experiences on contemporary topics and issues of general interests in the field of energy economics, which in turn will inspire innovative leaders in Energy Economics to move forward for the betterment of the country.

Dr Ken explored the Japanese perspective on the global long-term energy outlook with special focus given to analysing the impacts of lower economic growth and climate change policy in Asian countries.

The lecture also touched on Japan's energy policy challenges and other world energy issues.

"Developing sustainable energy policies for addressing social, economic and environmental issues poses many challenges that have to be taken into account."

"The energy sector in Malaysia is poised

for accelerated growth in the coming years and therefore, it is imperative that for the long-term sustainability and growth of the nation, the energy issues are addressed quickly and accurately," said Moggie.

"This naturally points out the need for professional expertise and well-trained personnel in developing the policies for energy economics in the country."

"With the intent to support the decision-making process by government and industry in Malaysia, the Institute of Energy Policy and Research (IEPRE) was established in July 2008 to spearhead research and consultancy activities on energy in the country."

"This effort received the full support and cooperation from the Energy Commission and the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry of Malaysia. The institute has also received support in term of capacity building from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment."

Dr Ken is the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ) managing director. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Economics from Tokyo's Waseda University and PhD from the University of Dundee and his thesis was titled "Japan's Energy Strategies toward the Middle East".

He joined the IEEJ in 1986 and has held various positions within the Institute. Currently, he is the Chief Economist at IEEJ. Alongside his current position, Dr Ken has also taught at the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Public Policy since 2010.

### About Universiti Tenaga Nasional

Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) is a unique institution, providing both academic programmes and engineering technology skills training within the same campus.

The university's programmes are focused on engineering, information technology, business management and related areas.

Uniten not only prepares its graduates to become knowledgeable and competent professionals, but also develops them as well-rounded individuals with broad intellectual outlook.

Uniten is one of the first private universities in Malaysia and is wholly owned by the public-listed Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), one of the largest utility companies in South-East Asia.

Though relatively new as a university, Uniten is moving rapidly towards establishing itself as the regional centre of educational excellence.

The support and commitment it receives from its holding company, TNB, has enabled it to accelerate the infrastructure development of the campus.

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