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Abang Johari, flanked by Abd Wahab (left) and Zulkifli, launches the Radiation Protection Conference and Workshop.

Renewable energy the way forward for M'sia — Abg Jo

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KUCHING: Malaysia has to relook its energy policy if the country is to achieve a 'Clean Malaysia' status, says Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg.

He said the country cannot be too dependent on fossil fuels, which are fast depleting and have great impact on the environment, adding he believed renewable energy was the way forward due to its minimal impact on the environment and carbon emission.

"That is why in Sarawak, we are giving strong emphasis on renewable energy, having built our dams to produce hydro power. Currently, we have three fully-operational hydroelectric dams, which are Batang Ai, Bakun and Murum while the Baleh Dam is coming up.

"These four dams have the potential to generate a total of about 22,000 megawatts of electricity," he said at the opening of Radiation Protection Conference and Workshop, here yesterday.

He said aside from generating electric power, water from these

dams can also be used for the production of hydrogen, noting that the state already has a plant for such purpose.

"We are using the water from our dams to produce our hydrogen. So from the dams, we can produce electric power and hydrogen for vehicles.

"That's our commitment to a clean Malaysian and clean Sarawak in particular," he said.

Malaysia Nuclear Agency director-general Dr Mohd Abd Wahab Yusof and Malaysia Radiation Protection Association president Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Hashim were also present.

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