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13MP proposal needs further assessment, public acceptance, says Fadillah

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MALAYSIA will not commit to building a nuclear power plant until 2030, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said, citing the need for further regulatory assessment, technological review and public

acceptance.

Speaking at the event themed "Driving the Green Energy Transition" by MBSB Bank Bhd (MBSB) here yesterday, Fadillah confirmed that nuclear energy remains in the research and evaluation phase, and no firm decision has been made on its use.

"No, we have not decided. The decision will only come after 2030, after we study the whole regulation, the technologies available and so on," he said.

His remarks come in the wake of the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP), which outlines a preliminary roadmap for nuclear development, including a nuclear energy programme targeted for 2031.

Fadillah, who is also energy transition and water transformation minister, added that public

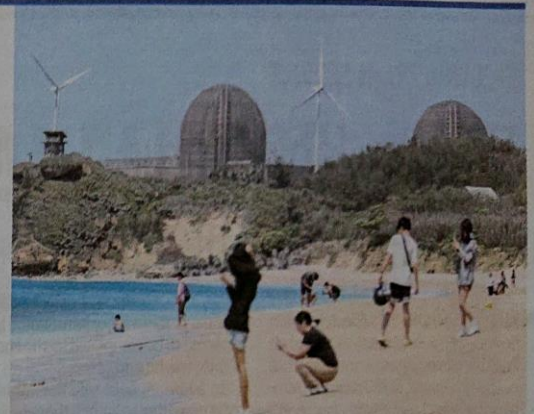
acceptance, safety and environmental considerations will be central in any future decision.

"It can be implemented only when there's public acceptance. All aspects have to be considered: the safety, the social wellbeing of the people, and of course, the environmental perspective," he said.

He gave an assurance that safety and security would not be compromised in any decision to use nuclear power.

"Safety and security are critical for us. So we have to evaluate everything first. It's too early to say whether we will use it or not," he said.

He also hinted at the possible return of Malaysian nuclear experts from abroad if the country moves forward with a nuclear



People at beach near a nuclear power plant in Taiwan. Malaysia has formed six task forces to coordinate the national agenda for a safe and responsible nuclear future. AFP PIC

power programme.

"Once we have decided to build the nuclear plant, we will bring the diaspora back to the country," he said.

Meanwhile, the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry has reaffirmed its partnership with the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry to explore nuclear energy's viability.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Chang Lih Kang said nuclear energy has long been seen as a strategic sector, with the ministry leading efforts

in research, talent development and establishing the necessary regulatory infrastructure.

Exploration in the nuclear field is not new, he told Bernama and RTM after officiating at the International Conference on Science Diplomacy for Regional Prosperity in Asean here yesterday.

Chang said six task forces have been formed to coordinate the national agenda for a safe and responsible nuclear future.

"This reflects a whole-of-nation approach, where all stakeholders are engaged," he said.

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