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MINISTERS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS WELCOMED ACCELERATION OF RENEWABLES INTEGRATION AND POWER SYSTEM RESILIENCE AT SIEW 2020

Singapore and the International Energy Agency (IEA) co-hosted the second Global Ministerial Conference on System Integration of Renewables (SIR) on 27 October 2020. The Conference was held as part of the Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) 2020.

This is the first SIR Ministerial Conference to be held in Asia. Themed **“Investment, Integration, and Resilience: A Secure, Clean Energy Future”**, the SIR Ministerial Conference brought together close to 30 Energy Ministers, global CEOs and thought leaders to discuss emerging issues in the acceleration of renewables integration and power system resilience, with a strong focus on Asia and Southeast Asia. IEA also launched its [Electricity Security Report](#) at the Conference. The Report provides important recommendations on modernising power grids for greater reliability and flexibility.

Singapore’s Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office and Second Minister for Trade and Industry and Manpower and co-Chair of the SIR Ministerial Conference, Dr Tan See Leng said, “International cooperation and public-private partnerships remain vital as we navigate towards a more sustainable energy future. There is an urgent need to future-proof our systems to create more resilience and flexibility. At the same time, we must also increase the share of, and enhance the integration of, renewable energy in our energy systems. We look forward to working with the IEA to advance global energy transitions.”

“The IEA is pleased to partner with Singapore for the 2nd Ministerial Conference on System Integration of Renewables as the country sits at the heart of Asia, a region that will be critical in shaping the future of global energy markets,” said Dr Fatih Birol, the IEA Executive Director. “Today, we shared important lessons from across Asia and beyond on how best to integrate growing shares of wind and solar into power systems while maintaining security of supply. This will be crucial if renewables are to become the fundamental cornerstone of global clean energy transitions.”

Singapore's cooperation with the IEA has deepened significantly since becoming an Association Country of the IEA in 2016. Singapore and the IEA have co-hosted many innovative initiatives and programmes to advance the global energy agenda. These include the training programmes under the Singapore-Regional Training Hub, the Singapore-IEA Forum and the Capacity Building Roadmap on Energy Investment and Financing for ASEAN.

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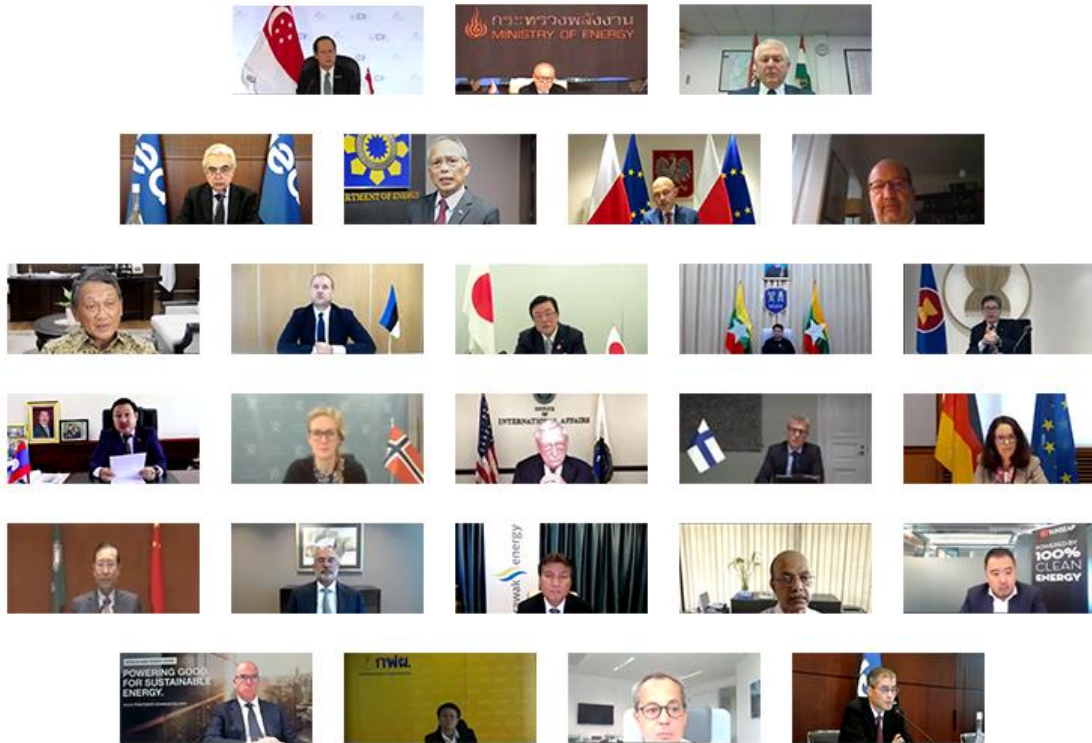
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