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When KPP project comes on stream

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KIMANIS: The power generation capacity in Sabah's Grid Interconnection System is expected to be more stable when the Kimanis Power Plant (KPP) project comes on stream in March next year.

Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili, who disclosed this, said about 300 megawatt (MW) of electricity is expected to be generated in stages beginning the first quarter of 2014.

"I was briefed by the KPP officials and I was made to understand that there are three blocks being constructed and each block generates 100MW from the plant.

"Completion of delivery on the KPP is by end of this year but the first 100MW will be channelled in March next year and the other two blocks with about 200MW will be generated in July as the deadline.

"However, I am optimistic that these two blocks will come earlier than the deadline," he said to reporters during his working visit at the KPP project, here, Friday.

Also present were the ministry's Secretary-General Datuk Loo Took Gee, Energy Commission Chairman Tan Sri Dr Tajuddin Ramli, TNB Chief Executive Officer Datuk Seri Azman Mohd and other officials.

To a question on a fourth block generating another

100MW at the site, Ongkili said the ministry would consider such need after assessing the delivery of the power generation of the three blocks.

"Of course, there is always a need for better power generation and other companies are bidding for that.

"So, I say, we deliver first the power from the blocks and then we look at opening the tender based on performances and indexes that we always use," he said.

Ongkili was impressed and satisfied over the current completion works at the KPP that has reached about 96 per cent.

With the total completion of KPP, he said, the SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) in Sabah would be further reduced by next year.

"Last year, Sabah's SAIDI had achieved its target of 490 minutes per consumer and this year, the target has been set at 450 minutes per year.

"Following the power generation from KPP by next year, I am hopeful that we could achieve the SAIDI's target of below 300 minutes per consumer," he said.

Ongkili said the Federal Government had spent RM804.1 million for the reduction of SAIDI the last four years from 2009 to 2012 where the funds were used for making new lines, buying new generators, and repairing the power generation, its transmission and distribution in Sabah.

Since the Eighth Malaysia Plan (8MP) to 10th Malaysia Plan and up to the rolling plan of next year, he said, a total of RM2.5 billion in easy loans for capital expenditures had been provided to Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) to further improve the power supply.

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Maximus (second left, wearing hat) listens to some explanations on the KPP project at its site while other officials look on.