

A Letter from Malaysia

APAC | Hydrogen, and the Energy Transition.



A quarter of a century ago I was involved with a major global energy company looked at innovation around the world.



The British Empire preceded us by a century and covered almost a quarter of the globe; somewhere it was always daylight.

The company identified three key global energy locations, namely Houston, Manchester, and Kuala Lumpur. There was always one office bathed in daylight to keep operations running smoothly.





So, it's Deja vu to be in Kuala Lumpur to meet stakeholders, and on the back of a significant activity in the Far East.



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Malaysia's upcoming Hydrogen Economy and Technology Roadmap will underline ways for the nation to attract investments for the production of this new commodity in order to become a main green hydrogen export hub by 2027.

Critically companies, including Petronas, are engaging with the energy transition and this encompasses hydrogen, and some state-of-the-art transport trials, including running busses - and the world first 'Smart Tram' road trials in Malaysia, where I am now.

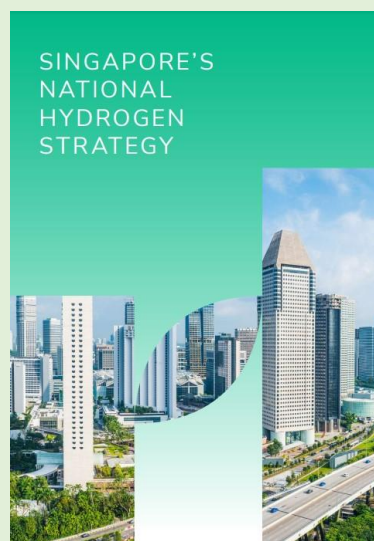




Apart from the national oil and gas company, Petronas, are some key political stakeholders including the Sarawak state government, which intends to utilise its vast hydro electricity generation capacity to support green hydrogen production.



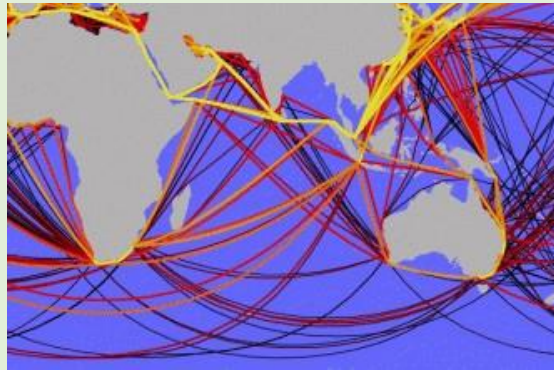
This follows on from the successful gas tech exhibition hosted further down the peninsula at Singapore last week.



I'm looking forwards to the deep dive with Malaysian stakeholders in the first of a series of interfaces in the coming months and including friends at H2 view events which I'm looking forward to moderating some interesting debate.



Things might be slower than expected in the UK with tumbleweed CfD non- announcements around the offshore wind sector, but that's certainly not the case globally, with nuanced trajectories in key locations.



As ever I'll keep you up to date as the energy transition gathers pace.

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