

Nuclear Development, Wait for the President Approval

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DGNREEC – The MEMR emphasized that actually Indonesia has been ready to develop nuclear power plant.

The Director of New and Renewable Energy of MEMR, Maritje Hutapea revealed that actually her side has made a ‘white book’ as the reference of nuclear energy development in Indonesia. Even the Minister of MEMR has approved it. “I thought all people knew it is not just a dream. We arranged the white book of 5,000 MW and signed by the Minister. It is only waiting for the launching. We are waiting for the President approval, go or not go, if he said go, so we will go”, she said.

Maritje admitted that in technologically Indonesia is ready and the human resource as well. And now, there are some requests from local government in Indonesia to develop the nuclear power plant. “There are many requests from Kalimantan, Bangka, and out of Java Island”, said Maritje.

Meanwhile, she added, her side do not want to be hasty, especially the thing that being people consideration which is safety and they have responsible on it. “We also do not want to be hasty especially related to the safety that being people consideration and we have to responsible on it”, emphasized Maritje.

Maritje admitted the one of the obstacle that she faces until now is the objection from the people who do not understand how important the nuclear energy is, and during all the time the perception that spreads in people is only about the danger of nuclear, “This thing needs to be socialized”, said Maritje.