

CHAPTER 1

# **Introduction to Energy Production Related for Malaysia Sustainable Development**

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## **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

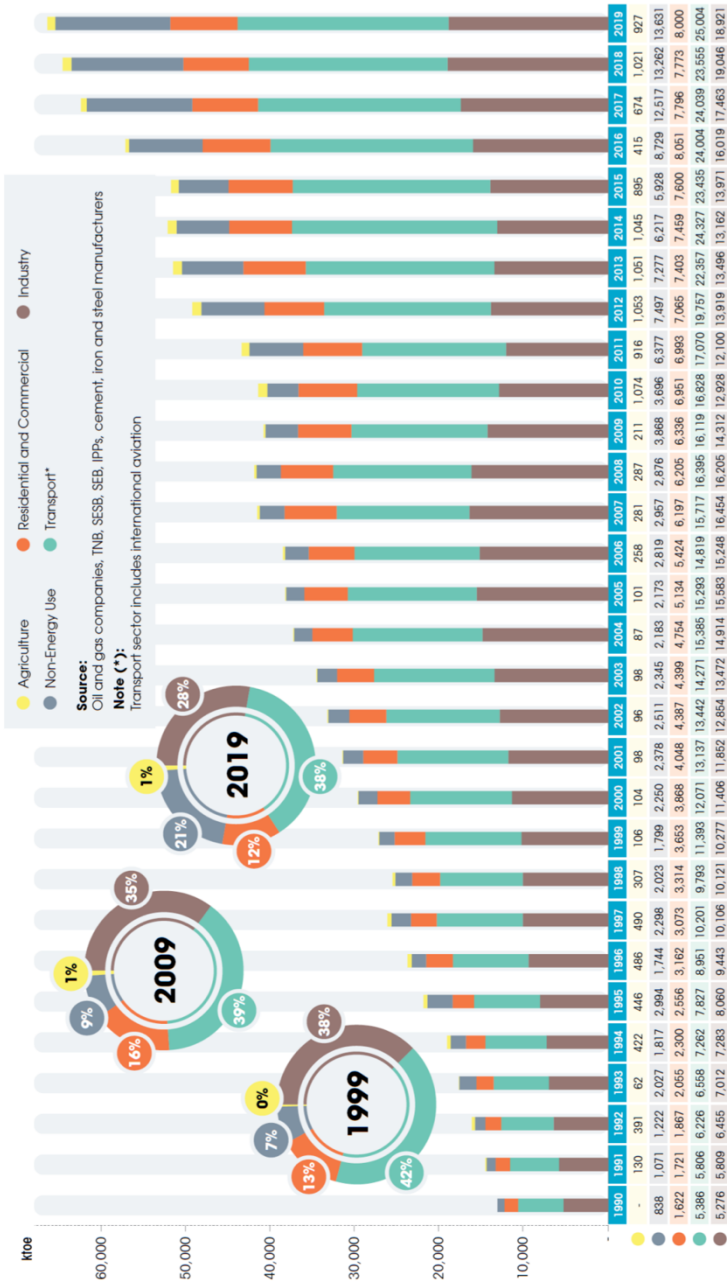
The rapid growth of the economy in numerous sectors including agriculture, transportation, telecommunication, industrial activities, etc. has resulted in substantially increased demand for energy, especially in Malaysia. It is undeniable that Malaysia still heavily relies on non-renewable/conventional fuels (fossil) including oil, gas, and coal which typically use as the resources for energy production. These forms of resources are finite, subjected to reserves found, and can be depleted in the future.

The status quo of fossil fuels price is volatile and depends on the fuel market and availability, thus, the security/sustainability and reliability of energy supplies could be questionable. Therefore, it is essential for Malaysia to attain energy considering the security/sustainability/reliability of conventional fuels as well as consider the diversification of other forms of resources such as renewable energies (RE) to ensure that the resources for energy production are not interrupted in the forthcoming. At present, Malaysia has taken an action to overcome this concern by aligning it with the aims of the energy

policies (Hannan et al., 2018; Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water [KeTTHA], 2017a), which change based on the current energy requirement, as summarized in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1** The evolution of energy policies in Malaysia (Hannan et al., 2018; KeTTHA, 2017a)

<b>Energy Policy</b>	<b>Aims</b>
<b>National Petroleum Policy (1975)</b>	To manage the oil and gas industry in the downstream area via the Petroleum Regulations 1974
<b>National Energy Policy (1979)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve the adequacy, safety, and economical of energy supply</li> <li>• To motivate an effective use of energy</li> <li>• To minimize an adverse environmental effect in the energy supply chain</li> </ul>
<b>National Depletion Policy (1980)</b>	To prolong the life span of the nation's oil and gas reserves for future security and constancy resources
<b>Four-Fuel Policy (1981)</b>	Ensuring reliability and security of supply through diversification of fuel (oil, gas, hydro and coal)
<b>Five-Fuel Policy (2001)</b>	Encourage the utilization of renewable resources such as biomass, solar, mini hydro etc. in energy supply combination
<b>National Renewable Energy (RE) Policy + Action Plan (2009)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To increase RE contribution in the national power generation mix</li> <li>• To facilitate the growth of the RE industry</li> <li>• To ensure reasonable RE generation costs</li> <li>• To conserve the environment for future generation</li> <li>• To enhance awareness on the role and importance of RE</li> </ul>
<b>New Energy Policy 2010</b>	To encapsulate an entire effort for safeguarding the financial efficiency and security of supply as well as to meet social and environmental targets



**Figure 1.1** Energy consumption in Malaysia based on the sector (Energy Commission [ST], 2019)