

The Union of Myanmar's National Initiative in the Encouragement of Clean Energy Initiatives

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Introduction

Today, the world is embracing global challenges such as energy security, climate change, environmental degradation and global financial crisis. These changes effect the well being of people in the ASEAN and thus it is crucial that these challenges be tackled collectively and effectively. It is important that we work together to encourage clean energy initiatives. Among others energy is crucial to transform ASEAN into an Economic Community by 2015 in a secure prosperous rule based, competitive, resilient and integrated way.

The Requirements

Our goal and objective requires practical policy to enhance energy management closer cooperation in energy development in efficient energy usage, clean energy usage or energy promotion and development of alternative and renewable energy including research and development, sharing of experiences and technical know how.

Myanmar's Initiatives

Myanmar attaches great importance to ASEAN energy program and actively participated in regional cooperation. Myanmar participation with other ASEAN countries include " Encouraging clean energy initiatives".

Myanmar has also been working its best to have energy supply security and at the same time embarking on programme for energy efficiency and conservation as well as development of alternative renewable resources.

In order to reduce price instability clean energy dependence on fossil fuel and to mitigate environmental impact and harness the effect of climate change serious considerations and plans have come in place to promote private participation in the development of biofuel. Currently, test plants and some small scale plants are in operation for its production.

These initiatives are believed to encourage clean energy providing clean environment and healthy well being of our people. Undoubtly, we are still in the infancy of encouraging clean energy. But the plans and programmes show our political will to cooperate with other ASEAN countries in its efforts for energy security, climate change and clean energy and mitigation of environmental impact.

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One of the first step taken by Myanmar in the field of Energy is the hosting of 27th ASEAN Ministers' on Energy Meeting held in Mandalay in the Union of Myanmar on the 29 of July 2009.

This Meeting has proved Myanmar's spirit of cooperation and the will to learn from the experience of other ASEAN countries. My delegation is here today with an open mind to learn from the efforts, experience and endeavors of other ASEAN countries in the encouragement of clean energy initiatives.

Thank you.