

Brief Country Statement from KOREA

Now, Korea has more proactive stance on dealing with climate change issues, since new president Lee Myong-bak came into office in Feb. 2008. No longer is this climate change just an environment issue, but national agenda which all dimensions to explain a social affair (for example, economy, politics, technology, etc.) should be come into consideration. With this serious recognition on climate change, we are planning to head toward a low carbon society where we emit less GHG, but continue to grow economically.

As the most eminent task for us, the G8 summit meeting in July is fast approaching to us. Here we anticipate that any improvement and consensus in global effort to tackle climate change issues will be made in expected "Leaders Declaration". And, to some extent, this APP meeting could contribute to evolution of such a global effort by laying out a ground for technology transfer possible between developed and developing countries. But, if a productive suggestion is welcomed to raise for APP meeting, we would like to urge joint projects to be carried out among various industry sectors. We expect it can spur technology diffusion among industries, and eventually enable a creative form of cooperation, or synergy effects, to say the least.

For one way of contributing to successful APP meeting, Korea will take a leadership role to launch ETCC (Energy Technology Cooperation Center), and persuade members to actively involve in it. And, lastly, in terms of Road Transport T/F which Japan suggested, we want to add one more comment that to develop technology only is not sufficient, instead, to build infrastructure for efficient road transport should be conducted simultaneously.