



Energy Working Group

**1st Meeting of Low-Carbon
Model Town Task Force**Tokyo, Japan
13 July 2010**Summary Record of Meeting**

The 1st meeting of Low-Carbon Model Town Task Force (LCMT-TF) was held on Tuesday, 13 July 2010 at METI Building in Tokyo, Japan. The meeting was attended by representatives of interested EWG member economies, namely, Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Chinese Taipei and US. Representatives from APERC as well as observers from Tianjin (China) City Yujiapu CBD Project also attended. Apologies were received from Thailand and EGNRET Chair. (See attached participants list.)

1. Opening Remarks

Mr. Yota Ono, METI-Japan, welcomed all participants as host economy of the TF meeting with his expectation of fruitful discussions during the meeting. The TF meeting was held as a follow-up of instructions from APEC Energy Ministers stipulated in the EMM9 Declaration in Fukui.

2. Approval of the Draft Agenda (LCMT-TF1-01)

Draft agenda was approved as proposed.

3. Outcomes of the EMM9 in Fukui (LCMT-TF1-02)

Japan presented on outcomes of the EMM9 highlighting the issue of APEC Low-Carbon Model Town Project including relevant paragraphs of Fukui Declaration as well as expansion of the APEC Support Fund, Sub-Fund for Energy Efficiency, with amount of 360 million JPY contributed by Japan to facilitate implementation of the Low-Carbon Model Town Project. It was also reported that Tianjin City Project was proposed by China at the EMM9 in Fukui, and was agreed by APEC Energy Ministers to make it as the first case of the Low-Carbon Model Town Project.

China and Korea clarified the mechanism for management and handling of the expanded ASF Sub-Fund. Japan responded that the sub-fund will be under control of the APEC Secretariat same as other APEC Funds, and thus handled according to the ordinary rules and procedures of APEC. It is also confirmed that the sub-fund is open to any projects which fit in the scope of the sub-fund.

4. Draft Terms of Reference and Plan of Actions (LCMT-TF1-03)

Japan presented on draft ToR and Plan of Actions of LCMT-TF. It was also reported that there are some APEC fora which have interest in the LCMT-TF while possible cooperation with them will be the item of discussion at the future TF meeting. Membership of the LCMT-TF is open to all EWG member economies including experts nominated by member

economies. As for the Chair of the TF, participants agreed to ask Japan to take the role of Acting Chair for the TF meeting until the ToR is fixed though Japan is ready to stand for the Chair.

Canada and US pointed out the importance of involving SMEs in the TF activities. Possible participation of industry people in the TF will be consulted with EWG/EBN while the Low-Carbon Model Town Project will be open to any interested entities including SMEs as long as relevant EWG member economy takes primary responsibility.

Korea and China stressed the importance of developing a clear concept of the “Low-Carbon Town” to be shared by TF and/or EWG members. Survey on existing similar environment-friendly town/city development projects and relevant low-carbon technologies both existing and envisaged is suggested to facilitate the development of the concept.

TF members are requested to provide their comments on the draft ToR in writing by 20 August. Japan will also ask other EWG members for their comments as well.

Concerning the Plan of Action, Japan suggested starting preparation of Low-Carbon Model Town Project for the feasibility study (F/S) of Tianjing City as it was agreed by APEC Energy Ministers at EMM9 in Fukui. The Concept Note of the Low-Carbon Model Town Project for the F/S of Tianjing City will be prepared by Japan in parallel with the discussion on the draft ToR so that the project proposal will be agreed by members and submitted by the deadline (23 September 2010). Japan also mentioned that the Low-Carbon Model Town Project has an analogy with the PREE Project thus similar modality will be applied when the Concept Note as well as details of the project proposal is developed. TF members agreed on the Plan of Action suggested by Japan.

APEREC clarified the possible continuation of F/S on different projects in other member economies. Japan responded that it will be most likely continued since there are potential town/city development projects in the APEC region.

5. Draft Criteria for the Project (LCMT-TF1-04)

Japan presented on draft criteria for the Low-Carbon Model Town Project which will be applied for the F/S of town/city development projects to be conducted in the Low-Carbon Model Town Project.

Korea clarified the meaning of the F/S to be conducted in the Low-Carbon Model Town Project since feasibility study of a town/city development project should be done before the actual project is initiated. Japan responded that the F/S will be done to evaluate aspects of low-carbon measures of a town/city development project to find possible improvement of the town/city development project, thus the F/S is different from ordinary feasibility study.

Korea suggested measurement of financial impact/value of low-carbonization in the F/S, which will be considered as an option along with implementation of the F/S in the Low-Carbon Model Town Project.

Chinese Taipei showed their interest to nominate a town/city development project planned in their economy.

TF members are requested to provide their comments on the draft criteria in writing by 20 August. Japan will also ask other EWG members for their comments as well.

6. Presentation of Tianjin Project

China (Tianjin Innovative Finance Investment Co., Ltd.) and Japan (Nikken Sekkei) explained details of Tianjin Project proposed at the EMM9 in Fukui, which gave TF members an occasion of first thought to develop the concept of the “Low-Carbon Town” as well as identifying the scope of the F/S to be conducted in the Low-Carbon Model Town Project.

US stressed the importance of transportation sector since it contributes significantly to energy and carbon factors. Japan responded that it will be incorporated as one of the major items of the F/S.

APEREC pointed out the importance of collection of necessary energy related data to conduct the F/S. China responded that they will liaise with relevant authorities to provide such data with their maximum efforts.

US sought clarification of whether the scope of F/S would include upstream (energy supply) side. Japan responded that some items related to energy supply (e.g. co-generation system) will be covered but the F/S should focus on downstream (energy consumption) side.

Japan (METI) informed that the F/S of Tianjing Project is planned to be fully supported by Nikken Sekkei as the first case, and TF members are encouraged to nominate their town/city development projects for the second or third F/S to be conducted in the Low-Carbon Model Town Project.

TF members thanked China and Japan for the informative presentation.

7. Other Issues for EMM9/Next Steps

No issues were raised. As the next steps, TF members are requested to provide their comments on the draft ToR of LCMT-TF (LCMT-TF1-03) as well as the draft Criteria for the Low-Carbon Model Town Project (LCMT-TF1-04) in writing by 20 August. Japan will also ask other EWG members for their comments as well.

Meanwhile, Japan will prepare the Concept Note of the Low-Carbon Model Town Project for the F/S of Tianjing City to be distributed to EWG members for their comments, so that the project proposal will be agreed by members and submitted by the deadline (23 September 2010). Progress of the LCMT-TF and Tianjin City F/S will be reported by Japan at EWG40 in Brunei-Darussalam.

8. Closing

Japan thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and meeting was adjourned. TF members were then invited to a short site tour visiting an example of low-carbon town in Tokyo area (Harumi Triton Square) as well as TF dinner organised by Japan.

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