

## **Asia Workshop on Low Carbon Asia Research Project**

### **Background and objectives of the workshop**

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1. In reaction to the UNFCCC's establishment of new commitments towards low-carbon development in developing countries, countries are hastening the pace of formulating their plans against global warming.
2. Asian countries in particular have become the focus of worldwide attention on how to set a path towards low-carbon development, as it is Asian countries which have been experiencing rapid growth, and they hold the key of climate stabilisation.
3. From its establishment in 2009, LCS-RNet has had a programme to promote the organisation of policy dialogues between policy-makers and researchers in Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Malaysia, as well as networking among researchers to assist their activities, so as to go ahead with sound low-carbon Asia policies in a scientific manner.
4. At our Malaysia workshop held in July 2011, it was encouraged to establish LCSR Asia League towards low-carbon development in Asia.
5. Quite a few agencies, donors, academic institutions and private consultants (eg. UNEP-DTIE, ADB, and CLEAN...) have begun to undertake research and provide advisory services and capacity building on low-carbon development in developing countries.

#### **<Objectives>**

This workshop has the following aims:

1. To provide opportunities for 1) promoting sharing/enhancing knowledge on LCS studies amongst researchers in Asia, as well as 2) encouraging dialogues between researchers and policy-makers so that researchers in Asia can be actively engaged in supporting national/regional low-carbon developing policies.
2. As a follow-up our previous workshop in July, to conduct a frank exchange of views on how to establish a self-independent, autonomous, and long-lasting research network in Asia in the future, by promoting a south-south cooperation scheme.

This workshop is composed of three parts, 1) PART-I: Workshop on Low Carbon Nations (in the morning of 31 October 2011), 2) PART-II: Workshop on Low-Carbon Cities in Asia (in the afternoon of 31 October), and 3) PART-III: Workshop on LCS Modeling (in the morning of 1 November).