

## Malaysia Workshop on Asian Low Carbon Society Research Network

### <Background>

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 and Cambodia, 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.

### <Objectives>

With a view to creating a framework so that researchers in Asia can be actively engaged in supporting national and regional low-carbon development policies, in an autonomous and collaborating manner,

1. Sharing common research agendas on low-carbon research in this region: Sharing necessary research agendas through dialogues between policy-makers and researchers.
2. Providing opportunities for knowledge sharing through an independent LCS research network: To make national and regional low-carbon development policies more efficient by accumulating scientific knowledge, promoting research exchanges on LCS (which are at similar development stages and geographical conditions) and calling upon the great amount of expertise in this region.
3. Towards LCSR Asia League: Developing a self-independent research network in Asia by promoting a south-south cooperation scheme, as well as holding a rotating annual meeting in Asia. Creating horizontal ties within Asia, in a way similar to annual meetings held in Europe.
4. Appealing to all over the world our activities of strong contribution to research communities in policy process, and at the same time, developing a plan for potential opportunities in a future, through such as the Asia/ASEAN Environmental Ministers' Meeting, LCS-RNet Annual Meeting in Paris, UNFCCC/COP17, and so on.

Major points for discussion at the workshop are as follows:

- Progress of low-carbon policies in Asian countries, including green growth and GHG reductions
- Researchers' involvement in policy-making process
- Necessary research from policy makers' point of view
- Necessary research for policy support from researchers' point of view
- Policies and activities to be taken by policy-makers and researchers to further promote research
  
- Research agendas that Asian countries have in common, and agendas that are different depending on the country
- Effectiveness of a platform which shares low-carbon research in Asia
- Necessary activities for the potential platform to be established
- Effective ways to promote collaboration between the platform and international organisations and countries of the world.