



Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate

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Communiqué

We met in New Delhi for our second Ministerial meeting of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate on 15 October 2007.

We launched the Partnership in Sydney, Australia on 11-12 January 2006. While the climate change, clean development, and energy security challenges we face are considerable, we have pioneered an innovative partnership focusing on practical solutions and have accomplished much in a relatively short time. Since Sydney, we have created detailed action plans and endorsed 110 collaborative projects across the Partnership. We believe we have built a genuine partnership of equals based on mutual respect and cooperation. Each of us has contributed actively to our common endeavor.

We are delighted to announce the addition of Canada, which has joined the Partnership as our seventh Partner. Canada is a key player in the region, shares the vision of the Partners, and has worked constructively with all Partners through the bilateral and multilateral mechanisms that provide the foundation for our work. We anticipate that the addition of Canada will strengthen the Partnership as we move toward the next phase in our work. Canada's support for the Partnership represents an important endorsement of the progress made to date, and the promise and potential that lies ahead.

The progress we have made so far is the result of several factors. The cooperation among different ministries within our governments has enhanced our efforts and has led to meaningful collaboration under the Partnership. Moreover, the nature and degree of public-private sector collaboration is fundamental to our success. Partners' public and private sectors have brought significant expertise and resources to bear in these efforts. The combination of these elements has helped us achieve impressive results. Our work will serve to improve energy efficiency, promote best practice, and develop new low-emissions solutions in eight priority sectors including cleaner fossil energy, aluminium, coal mining, steel, renewable energy and distributed generation, power generation and transmissions, buildings and appliances, and cement.

The main focus of the initial portfolio of Partnership projects is on activities, such as sectoral assessments, capacity building, identifying best practices and technology research and demonstration that will continue to underpin our work as we progress further. We are pleased to announce that from this group of endorsed activities we have recognized 18 flagship projects exemplifying the different types of cooperative activities being undertaken by Partners. These



flagship projects exemplify the scale and potential of the cooperation undertaken by Partners. They are expected to demonstrate the effectiveness of an innovative Partnership that leverages the determination of participating governments, the entrepreneurship of our businesses, and the talents of our researchers to address greenhouse gas emissions while promoting energy security and economic growth.

The important role played by industry, including the private sector, in cooperation with our governments in the Partnership has been a key contributor to our achievements. Their energy and drive will remain an indispensable element in our work. We are happy that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Confederation of Indian Industry are hosting our industry Partners for an interactive evening, which is also being addressed by the heads of the International Energy Agency and the Asian Development Bank. We believe this will intensify our engagement with the industry in all eight sectors.

Moreover, we are also pleased to announce the launch of the implementation phase of the “Asia-Pacific Energy Technology Co-operation Centre,” which we initially considered at Sydney. This Centre is expected to provide benefit to the Partners by enhancing the sharing, dissemination of energy efficiency knowledge, and best practices that exist widely in the governments and industries of the Partner countries, through workshops, train-the-trainer programs and an information database.

We have continued to cooperate bilaterally and multilaterally through existing initiatives, and have further strengthened our collaboration through those mechanisms. Our activities remain consistent with the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other relevant international instruments and complement the Kyoto Protocol.

We appreciate the interest in developing collaboration with the Partnership expressed by some international institutions, and will seek to explore developing or enhancing relationships with these organizations in the future.

While we have achieved strong outcomes already, we are determined to further strengthen our cooperation through this Partnership, and we are committed to do so. In the next phase of our work, we will continue to strengthen and deepen our efforts in technology cooperation and transfer. We will also continue our efforts to locate additional financial resources for our cooperative projects. We ask the Policy and Implementation Committee to continue its efforts in order to ensure further success of this Partnership.

We thank the Government of India for hosting this meeting and decide to meet again in 2009.