

The 2nd ACMECS Bioenergy Workshop, 24 – 27 November 2014, Thailand

Summary of final discussion and recommendations for the follow-up workshop

The country representatives summed up their opinions and observations as well as recommendations at the end of the workshop as the followings:

All parties unanimously agreed that the workshop was very useful and informative. The technical contents were highly relevant and could be applied for all countries.

The workshop created a platform of discussion and exchange of information and experience on biomass for bioenergy among countries. Relevant policies mentioned in the workshop provided broad view of biomass for bioenergy enhancement in the ACMECS region.

The workshop focused on utilization of biomass for bioenergy with simple technology. Its implementation suited for local communities as well as small industries.

The participants from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar gained very valuable experience in biomass utilization for bioenergy production which may trigger related development in their countries.

Visiting biogas power plant owned by SPM Group created motivation and provided very useful information for successful biogas power system implementation and gaining its benefits sustainably to the participants.

The field trip broadened the participants' view to increase marginal value of the biomass residuals i.e. saw dust, wood

shavings, coconut shells and municipal waste for bioenergy production.

All participants unanimously agreed to set core team in each ACMECS countries to elevate the collaboration among ACMECS countries. Ideally, the core team comprised of not more than three representatives and at least one was the representative of Ministry of Energy. After each country proposed its core team, Dr. Maliwan Haruthaithanasan, the network coordinator, would proceed to TICA to formally appoint the country core teams.

The follow-up workshop, “The 3rd ACMECS Bioenergy 2015”, was agreed concerning these followings:

1. Impacts of climate change on biomass production and utilization for bioenergy
2. ACMECS bioenergy regional plan
3. Biomass for bioenergy standard

In a long run, phase II of the ACMECS bioenergy workshop project was proposed. Each ACMECS country would try to propose the project to TICA in the country to gain financial support.





