

【The 5th ERI-PARI Joint Workshop】

ASEAN Energy Connectivity:

Opportunities and Barriers of Power Development in Myanmar

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Energy Research Institute (ERI, Chulalongkorn University)

&

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1. Objective:

This is the first event of a series of workshops where informal brainstorming discussions on energy and energy policy of Myanmar are to be organized. Regarding energy developments in Myanmar, this seminar aims:

- to understand the current dialogue in Myanmar;
- to realize the relevant opportunities and barriers; and
- to draw implications for further energy developments.

2. Outline:

After the opening of the country, Myanmar economy has remarkably progressed. Its energy development, however, has been lag behind the economic boom. The country's further progress is more promising with the energy development. For the development, ERI and PARI hold this seminar series in collaboration with ERIA.

As a matter of fact, the country cannot achieve energy development without sound global/regional linkages. Focusing on the energy relationship with neighboring richer countries, this seminar tries to understand opportunities and barriers and realize expected roles for each stakeholder.

What are the current dialogues regarding the power development in Myanmar? What are the relevant opportunities and barriers? What kind of roles is expected for each stakeholder to remove the barriers for further progress in Myanmar? By discussing those questions, we will draw implications for our further research.

3. Program:

Thursday, September 24, 2015	
Registration (9:00 am-)	
09:30-09:40 am	Welcome Speech: Prof. Dawan Wiwattanadate (ERI)
09:40-10:00 am	Opening Speech: Scope of the Seminar Prof. Hisashi Yoshikawa (PARI) / Mr. Kensuke Yamaguchi (ERI)
10:00-10:45 am	Keynote Speech: Col. Thaug Win (Myanmar Engineering Society)
10:45-11:00 am	Q & A
11:00-11:15 am	Break
11:15-12:00 pm	Comments from Panelists: Prof. SK Chow (Energy Study Institute, NUS) / Ir. Dr. Sanjayan Velautham (ASEAN Center for Energy) / Dr. Anbumozhi Venkatachalam (ERIA)
12:00-12:30 pm	Discussion
Lunch Meeting(-14:00 pm)	

Short Bio: Col. Thaug Win

U Thaug Win earned B.E Mechanical in Yangon Institute of Technology in 1971. Over 38 years of experiences in Defense Industries in a variety of fields: production management, technical planning, research & development, Defense Products and Tooling Engineering and Design. He served as Associate Professor and Head of Department of Defense Services Institute of Technology (DSIT). After serving in army up to the rank of colonel and retired in 2007, he was assigned as Director for Research & Development and Technical Consultant (Think Tanking) in Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. He was also assigned as Chairman in Technology Committee and Dy. Chairman in Steering Committee of Renewable Energy Development Committee of Yangon Division Government. He possesses a collection of experiences in Energy Efficiency and Conservation, in renewable energy technologies especially in Biomass, Solar PV and small and mini- hydro throughout his career which also can say his specialized studies. With his professionalism and contributions he now serves as Central Executive Committee Member, Chairman in Energy and Renewable Energy Committee , Chairman in Industrial Development Committee , Chairman in Industrial Engineering & Bio-fuel Engineering Technical Divisions , General Secretary in Myanmar International Consulting Engineers Group (MICEG) of Myanmar Engineering Society (MES) . Due to his contributions in Energy and Renewable Energy Sectors for his country he was elected as a member in Energy Development Committee of National Energy Management Committee (NEMC) of the Government of the Union of Myanmar. He founded a consulting engineering company called Myanmar International Consultants Company Limited (MMIC) with international partners in 2011 and started to serve as Managing Director and now as Chairman. He is an ASEAN registered engineer and recently conferred as a Hon. Member of ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (AFEO).