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Cambodia has been experiencing high economic growth during the past 5 years and this trend will continue at least to 2020, according to economic experts. In this regard, the country's energy consumption could increase significantly. Unfortunately, no official energy statistics are available to monitor and evaluate this growth. Although an international organisation has been estimating energy balance tables for Cambodia historically, they seem to be underestimated. Accurate and reliable energy statistics such as energy balance tables are necessary to analyse the relationship between economic growth and energy consumption in Cambodia. This publication represents the first official energy statistics in Cambodia and contributes to the formulation of appropriate energy policies for the Ministry of Mines and Energy, Cambodia.

The Ministry of Mines and Energy requested the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to support the General Department of Petroleum (GDP) and the General Department of Energy (GDE) to prepare accurate energy statistics in Cambodia. ERIA kindly accepted this offer and in November 2015 set up a project team consisting of international experts to work in collaboration with the staff of GDP and GDE. The GDP and GDE shared the existing energy data with ERIA, and ERIA supported GDP and GDE in conducting three surveys: (1) demand–supply survey of petroleum products of petroleum companies, (2) energy consumption survey in the industry sector, and (3) energy consumption survey in buildings. During the project period, ERIA also conducted capacity building training, such as for basic understanding of energy statistics.

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