

## Press Release



Economic Research Institute  
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### ERIA and IEEJ conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ERIA Research Working Group

**October 14, 2011** – The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the Institute of Energy Economic, Japan (IEEJ) conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ERIA Research Working Group for “Study on Development of Energy Security Index and Assessment of Energy Security Policy for East Asia Countries” on October 14, 2011 at ERIA Annex Office, Jakarta. It was attended by the IEEJ research team, the ERIA researchers and also participants from several research institutes in ASEAN and 6 additional countries.



The workshop aims to develop an energy security index which will allow policy planners in the region to have more accurate understanding of the energy security situation, to make assessments of energy security policy impacts in East Asian countries and to draw policy recommendations for energy policy planners.

The workshop was opened with welcoming remarks from Mr. Mitsuo Matsumoto, Managing Director for Research Affairs, ERIA and also Dr. Ken Koyama, Managing Director and Chief Economist, IEEJ. During the workshop, participants discussed progress of the project and welcomed additional input to enhance energy security for each country with different energy and economic conditions.

In the end of the workshop, Dr. Koyama reiterated some points of discussion. He noted that it was important to have an accurate understanding of current energy security situation in each country, which would be a basis for policy planning and implementation for energy security enhancement for the future. In addition, he also mentioned the appropriate amount of role sharing between the government and private sectors would be key in developing an Energy Security Index in each country.

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