

FOREWORD

Cambodia has experienced high economic growth over the past 5 years and, according to the economic experts, this trend will continue at least to 2020 and beyond. In this regard, Cambodia's energy consumption could increase significantly. Following the publication of *Cambodia National Energy Statistics 2016* with technical support from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MEE) has benefitted greatly from the energy data and statistics as a foundation for its energy policy planning and policies. However, the MEE needs further support from ERIA to formulate policy targets with regard to energy use in all sectors and to improve energy security in the country. Thus, the Ministry identifies the urgent need for the Cambodia Basic Energy Plan as it will lay out targets and policy recommendations on oil and petroleum production and consumption, electricity demand, renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy security, and predicted future energy demand and supply. To achieve energy policy targets in the medium term as well as understand the policy implications for energy security in the long term, there is a need for concrete programmes and action plans for energy use and supply. Thus, the MME needs an appropriate and comprehensive basic energy plan to achieve its energy policy targets and planning.

The Cambodia Basic Energy Plan aims to set numerical targets for each energy issue covered by the plan, and the targets should be achievable. The basic objective of the plan is to seek an energy supply for Cambodia with the following conditions: affordability, accessibility, security (sustainable security), safety, and transparency in the energy market.

The Ministry made a request to ERIA to support the MME in setting up the basic energy plan. In response, ERIA kindly accepted the offer and in March 2018, formed a project team consisting of international experts to work in collaboration with staff from the General Department of Energy and General Department of Petroleum. During the project period, ERIA also conducted capacity-building training, such as on building a basic understanding of energy data and statistics.

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