

FOREWORD

Energy security and climate change are very important issues in the world. At the 2nd East Asia Summit (EAS) in Cebu Island of the Philippines, January 2007, the leaders of the region declared that East Asia could mitigate these problems by strong leadership on several countermeasures. These include: a. promotion of energy conservation, b. utilisation of bio-fuels and c. cleaner use of coal.

Two groups were designated to assist in implementing the countermeasures mentioned above: the Energy Cooperation Task Force (ECTF) and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). ECTF is charged with supporting the efforts of the EAS and its Energy Ministers Meeting (EMM) to promote cooperation on policies to implement these countermeasures. ERIA is in charge of studying the potential impacts of the countermeasures. ERIA is focusing on energy studies in two areas: first, promotion of energy conservation and, second, utilisation of bio-fuels.

This report was prepared by the Working Group for Analysis of Energy Saving Potential in East Asia under the ERIA Energy Project. The report covers all research activities of the Working Group from September 2009 to March 2010, including methodology, estimated impacts of current energy saving goals, and policy recommendations to ECTF. This report extends and enhances the analysis of the working group undertaken in 2007 and 2008.

This report hopefully contributes to mitigating problems related to energy security and climate change through increasing understanding of the potential for energy saving of a range of energy efficiency goals, action plans and policies. A number of key insights for policy development are also discussed.

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