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1. News

A. Biomass Energy Component

a. Consultative meeting with KKREUO

Biomass Energy Component organized consultative meeting with Kailali Kanchanpur Rural Electrification Umbrella Organization (KKREUO) on 18th March 2010 at Hotel Jagadamva Dhangadi, Kailali. Since KKREUO has more than 50,000 households under their belt and most of them rely on biomass energy sources and traditional technologies to meet their daily energy needs, the meeting was aimed to decide on how to intervene in that area with improved biomass energy technologies.

b. O&D at Malwara Mahotsav

Biomass Energy Component conducted live Orientation and Demonstration during Malwara Mahotsav held at Bauniya, Kailali from 20th to 28th March 2010. During O&D, household mud and brick stoves were demonstrated and awareness creation through IEC material. More than 25,000 people observed the O&D.

c. Call for Proposals

Biomass Energy Component (BEC) has invited call for proposal for "**preparing Biomass Energy Status Book-2010**".

Proposals are invited through interested firms or consultants on the basis of Terms of Reference (ToR) made available at www.aepc.gov.np or upon request through e-mail. The last date for submission of proposal was 13th June 2010.

Similarly BEC has invited call for Expression of Interest (EOI) for "**Selection of potential regional partner organization in Terai district for supporting implementation of component activities**". Proposals are invited through interested Terai based NGOs, Cooperatives and Private Service Providers on the basis of Terms of Reference (ToR) made available at www.aepc.gov.np or upon request through e-mail. The last date for submission of proposal was 22nd June 2010.

d. MoU with Nepal Red Cross Society

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between AEPC/ESAP and Nepal Red Cross Society on 26th March 2010 for working together for synergies and collaboration in promotion of biomass energy technologies in Nepal.

e. Staff Induction

Biomass Energy Component organized one day staff induction workshop for its newly appointed staffs. The workshop was held at Hotel Greenwich Village on 27th April 2010. The main objectives of this induction were to provide relevant information, support and welcome to new staff to make them feel valued, confident and comfortable in their new environment, to orient on complete administrative procedures and relevant legislative requirements and Enable new staff to understand and achieve what is expected of them during their employment period.

f. Annual Review and Planning Workshop with RRESC/SPs

Biomass Energy Component organized 3 days annual review and planning workshop with Regional Renewable Energy Service Center and Service Providers (RRESCs/SPs). The workshop was held at AEPC meeting hall from 16th to 18th May 2010. The main Objectives of workshop were to finalize the Annual Work Plan (FY 10/11), to discuss the detail

plan of activity conduction as per AWP for quality assurance, to discuss the concept and action plan for the adaptive research, to orient about the monitoring mechanism of BEC, to share the monitoring strategy of the yearly installation of ICS. The workshop was effective for discussion on action plan of adaptive research, monitoring of metallic stove at manufacturers place through Biomass Engineer.

Altogether 30 participants including Team leaders, Regional Coordinators, Biomass Engineers and Senior Field Technical Coordinator (Consultant for Darchula ICS promotion) from RRESCs and Energy Development Officer from Darchula had participated in the workshop.

e. Field visits

⇒ Visit to Dang and Salyan

Ms. Karuna Bajracharya, BECM visited Dang and Salyan district from 3rd to 6th June 2010 to assess the capability of Local Partner Organization (LPO) as envisioned by Biomass Energy Component of ESAP. During the visit, Ms. Bajracharya visited Dalit Development Society (DDS) and FECOFUN in Salyan and Human Welfare and Environment Protection Center (HWEPC) and FECOFUN in Dang district.

⇒ Visit to Dhading

Rajeev M Shrestha, BEPO, visited Dhading to present the technicalities of the Institutional Improved Cooking Stoves (IICS) in the IICS Orientation Programme held at Majhimatar of Dhading District on 15th May 2010. The event was organized by the District Education Office. The participants of the event were the chairman and principals of the 20 community schools of two VDCs of district. The main objective of the event was to orient the participants about the AEPC/ESAP promoted IICS.

⇒ Visit to Palpa

Ms. Sangita Bista, JPO, BEC, visited RRESC, REDA Palpa to supervise workshop on programme implementation guideline, monitoring mechanism and observe the BEP staff meeting and Represent BEP in participatory monitoring organized in Boudagumba village of Palpa district from 11th to 14th April 2010. This field visit was carried out to interact with the Field Technical Coordinator (FTC), Biomass officer and Regional Coordinator (RC) of Rural Economic Development Association (REDA) Palpa. The monitoring visit was basically to support the quality assurance part of the BEP.

⇒ Visit to Manang

Rajeev M Shrestha, BEPO, visited Chame, district headquarter of Manang district to present about the subsidy arrangement and its delivery mechanism in the Metallic Stoves Orientation and Demonstration Programme held on 6th June 2010, organized jointly by DEEU, Manang and RESDTN, RRESC, Tanahu. The event was held at the DDC, Manang's Meeting hall under the chairmanship of Local

Development Officer. The Chief District Officer was the chief guest of the event. The participants of the event were the VDC secretaries of the district and representatives from ACAP, Local Red Cross, District Health Office, District Forest Office, Local Political Parties, etc. The main objective of the programme was to orient and demonstrate the AEPC promoted Metallic Improved Cook Stoves under the subsidy arrangement of GON.

⇒ Visit to Surkhet

A visit to RRESC BNA Surkhet was conducted from 5th March to 11th March 2010 by Ms. Sangita Bista, JPO, BEC. This monitoring visit was to support the quality assurance part of the BEP. The monitoring mechanism in BEP has been recently established to check process of activity completion by Regional Centers. Biomass Energy Engineers are instructed to submit the monitoring report of each two months that reflects the movement of FTC in the field and also the LPO staff. Thus, this field visits also aimed to support BEP unit of RRESC in explaining the monitoring mechanism. The VDC level information and awareness campaign organized in Dailekh and Surkhet district was also monitored during the trip.

f. Biomass related activities conducted through AEPC

During this fiscal year (066/67), Following activities are being implemented in Bio-mass sector from AEPC through following selected partner organizations :

S.N.	Name of Activities	Partner Organizations
1	Conduction of Training on Entrepreneurship Development through Briquette Production	Gramin Urja Tatha Prabidhi Kendra (RETSC)
2	Development of report on National Policy Recommendations for Promotion of Bio- briquette Technology in Nepal	National Alternative Energy and Engineering Service
3	Demonstration and Testing of Bio-Briquetting Technology through technology transfer for the Promotion of Fuel Briquettes in Nepal	Gorkha Energy and Environment Pvt.Ltd.
4	Demonstration of Institutional Improve Cook Stoves (IICS) at Malekhu Bazaar	Verdict Engineering Consultancy and Research Center Pvt.Ltd
5	Conduction of Training and Monitoring on Metallic Improved Cooking Stoves (MICS)	Joint Venture of Centre for Energy Studies (CES) and Solar Energy Foundation (SEF)

B.SOLAR ENERGY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

a.Seminar on Renewable Energy Policy of Government

Alternative Energy Promotion Center and Rural Energy Development Program, in partnership with District Development Committee of Nepal (ADDCN) and District Development Committee, Rasuwa organized one day seminar on government policy on renewable energy promotion for the district stakeholder. It was held on 13th May 2010 in seminar hall of DDC Rasuwa. Er. Prem Kumar Pokhrel from AEPC presented on subsidy policy and delivery mechanism for renewable energy technologies. Mr. Anil Kaphle, Energy and Environment Officer from ADDCN presented on introduction of different renewable energy technology and roles of ADDCN for the promotion and coordination related to renewable energy technology. Mr. Keshab Pradhananga, Regional Energy Advisor of REDP presented on the modality of decentralized renewable energy planning adopted by REDP. Similarly, Energy Development Officer of DDC/DEES, Rasuwa presented the current renewable energy status of Rasuwa district.

b.SHS Monitoring Activities

Field visit of 9th Round Monitoring is completed and report preparation and compilation is under progress. In 9th Round there were 5821 SHS samples. These samples are 10% of total SHSs installed and for which subsidy was paid by REF in FY 2008/09. Samples are selected in such a way that, they are distributed evenly among all qualified companies operative in the period and were distributed proportionately in all Development Regions. These samples were divided into 106 trips. In addition, SEC staff Mr. Gyanendra Malla and Mr. Sundar visited to Rolpa and Salyan District for verification of Solar Home System.



Photo: Solar Panel on roof of the user's house during his monitoring trip to Rolpa and Salyan District

c.Company Pre-qualification

As per the Renewable Energy Subsidy Delivery Mechanism 2009, AEPC/ESAP must pre-qualify solar PV companies for their participation in the programme. These pre-qualified companies are only eligible for dissemination, installation and after sales service of solar PV system (SHS, SSHS and institutional system) under subsidy programme. Solar Energy Component (SEC) of AEPC/ESAP had called applications for the qualification of new solar company. In total 34 applications were received. SEC assessed and verified the applications in detail. Out of 34 companies who had submitted their application, following 8 companies were found to meet all the criteria and were qualified.

List of Newly qualified Solar PV Companies:

S.N.	Company name
1	Deep Light Energy Pvt. Ltd.
2	G.U.P Pvt. Ltd.
3	North Energy Company Pvt. Ltd
4	Renewable Nepal Alternative Energy Pvt. Ltd.
5	Sourya Urja Nepal Pvt. Ltd.
6	Sun Light Solar Company Pvt. Ltd
7	Sun Power Pvt. Ltd
8	Sunrise Energy and Accessories Works

C.. Mini Grid Support Programme

a.Selection of Firm to carry out Managers' training

Mini-Grid Support Programme (MGSP) had called proposals for 'Conducting Micro-hydro Managers' training'. Altogether 3 proposals were received. The proposals were evaluated by three member evaluation committee on the basis of evaluation criteria set in the Terms of Reference (ToR). Based on the evaluation result, MGSP recommended to award the contract to the first ranked company, Universal Consultancy services (Pvt.) Ltd.

b.VDCs electrified

New VDCs are electrified from 9 MHPs and 7 Pico-hydro projects. Total of 1,700 households are benefitted from the new projects. Details of the Projects are as follows:

S. No.	Micro-Hydro Project Name	District	VDC / Village	kW	Households electrified
1	Pelu Khola MHP	Okhaldhunga	Khijikati	19	190
2	Bata/ Ghatte Khola MHP	Jumla	Patmara	13	140
3	Rini Khola MHP	Jumla	Patmara	9	103
4	Kisedi Khola MHP	Lamjung	Pachowk	21	194
5	Saplu Khola Pico Hydro Set	Solukhumbu	Tamakhani-7, Loding	1.5	16
6	Simlay Khola	Dhading	Tripureshwor-9	3	29
7	Chokte Khola	Ramechhap	Saipu-9	5	85
8	Kihun Khola	Palpa	Bahadur-5	2.5	23
9	Badar MHP	Arghakhanchi	Subarnakhal VDC-1	8	120
10	Jaya Khola MHP	Taplejung	Dhangesanghu- 2	31	280
11	Khari Khola MHP	Udayapur	Dansingtar, Buttar-3	7.35	72
12	Golang Khola MHP	Rolpa	Gharti Gaun	17	159
13	Kawa Khola MHP	Bhojpur	Dewantar VDC-8, Bayang	18	170
14	Dilung khola pico-hydro project	Khotang	Waplukha-8	3	42
15	Jyamire Pico-hydro	Myagdi	Barangja-1	2	17
16	Satbise Pico-hydro	Myagdi	Barangja-1	5	60
Total				165.35	1700

c.Pre-qualification of installation companies

AEPC had announced a public notice for submitting proposals for the pre-qualification of Installation Companies of IWM/Pico/Micro hydropower electrification projects. Altogether 65 companies submitted proposals applying in different categories. A seven-member evaluation sub-committee was formed representing from AEPC, ESAP, REDP and CRT/N. The evaluation was done based on approved ToR. Based on the information provided by individual company and approved ToR, following Companies were selected with their respective category:

SN	Name of Company	PQ Category	Remarks
1	Hulas Steel Industries Limited	100 kW	
2	Nepal Machine & Steel Structure	100 kW	
3	Krishna Grill & Engineering Works PL	100 kW	
4	Oshin Power Services P L	100 kW	
5	North Engineering Company PL	100 kW	
6	Thapa Engineering Industries P L	100 kW	
7	AG Power Company PL	100 kW	
8	Dhaulagiri Civil Electrical Mechanical Engineering P L	100 kW	
9	Himalayan Power Industry	100 kW	
10	Housing Services Company P L	100 kW	
11	Lumbini Engineering and HP Company	100 kW	
12	Hydro Energy Concern P L	100 kW	
13	Power Tech Nepal PL	100 kW	
14	Rural & Alternative Energy P L	100 kW	
15	Universal Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd	100 kW	
16	Motherland Energy Group	100 kW	
17	Multi Power Construction Company P L	100 kw	
18	Multi Service Link Nepal PL	100 kw	
19	Great Nepal PL	100 kw	
20	Radha Structure & Engineering Works PL	100 kw	
21	Center for Resource Conservation Nepal P L	100 kw	
22	Nepal Energy Development Company P L	100 kw	
23	Energy Prabardhan Company P L	100 kw	
24	Gautam Energy Engineering PL	100 kW	
25	Kathmandu Metal Industries & Hydropower P L	100 Kw	
26	Nepal Yantrashala Energy	100 Kw	
27	Appropriate Engineering Butwal	100 Kw	
28	Seimens Hydro Engineering & Energy Production	100 Kw	
29	Universal Equipment Industries	100 Kw	
30	Remote Area Development Engineering Consultancy P L	100 kw	Conditional Basis
31	Manaslu Energy Pvt.Ltd	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
32	Technical Engineering Design Consultancy & Construction PL	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
33	H A Hydro Power PL	100 Kw	
34	K P Byawasayi Sewa JV Synergy Company P L	100 Kw	
35	Techno Village Consultancy PL	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
36	CADS Consultancy & HydroResearch P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis

37	Sitara Consult JV Cosmic Electrical Engineering Associates P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
38	D L Energy Concern P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
39	Himali Power Development P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
40	Joint Ventures - Epsom Engineering Consultancy P L, Dhulikhel Nirman Sewa P L & Engineering Consultancy for Constructive Development Efforts in Nepal P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
41	Sewa's Consortium P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
42	Energy Development Services P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
43	Cream Hydrel PL	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
44	Tej Energy Solution Nepal P L	100 Kw	Conditional Basis
45	Himchuli Consultancy P L	5 Kw	
46	Ujyalo Consultancy P L	5 Kw	
47	Technology Upliftment Engineering Centre	5 Kw	
48	Renewable Nepal Alternative Energy PL	5 Kw	
49	Nepal Power Solution P L	5 Kw	
50	Design Point P L	5 Kw	
51	Nuwakot Prabidhi Tatha Pariyojana Sewa Kendra PL	5 Kw	
52	Maa Shakti Engineering & Hydropower P L	5 Kw	
53	Simhabahini Engineering Works	5 Kw	
54	Khanal Engineering and Industries	5 Kw	
55	Dhaulagiri Hydro Consult Butwal P L	5 Kw	
56	Siddhartha Engineering Works	5 Kw	
57	Institute of Rural Technology Development P L	5 Kw	

The companies classified under **Conditional Basis** are approved for the pre-qualification on a condition that they are required to initiate at least one project of up to 5 KW (for Pico-hydro) and 15 kW (for Micro-hydro), under AEPC, within a year.

d. Selection of Firm to carry out Operators' training

Mini-Grid Support Programme (MGSP) had called proposals for 'Conducting Micro-hydro Operators' training'. Altogether 3 proposals were received. The proposals were evaluated by three member evaluation committee on the basis of evaluation criteria set in the Terms of Reference (ToR). Based on the evaluation result, MGSP recommended to award the contract to the first ranked company, Oshin Power services (Pvt.) Ltd.

e. Approval of Micro-hydro Projects from TRC

Technical Review Committee (TRC) has approved 38 Micro-Hydro Projects for subsidy with capacity of 1077.2

KW. Total of 10,613 households are expected to be benefitted in the future.

f. Call for proposal

Mini Grid Support Programme (MGSP) had advertised Proposals from the interested firms for 'Study on Implication of VAT Policy on Micro/Mini-hydropower Development'. Proposals were invited on the basis of Terms of Reference (ToR) made available on www.aepc.gov.np website or upon request through e-mail. The last date of submission of Proposals was 23 April, 2010.

E. Institutional Strengthening of Rural Energy Sector

a. Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) in Rural and Renewable Energy Sector

Interim progress report for this study has been received and shared with donors. Draft report on the feasibility study of R & RE sector is under preparation.

b. AEPC Strategic and Organizational Development (SOD) Plan

Draft AEPC SOD Plan 2010 is under progress with the finalised inputs from national stakeholder consultation workshop held in December, 2009.

c. Enacting Rural Energy Policy, 2006

M/S Vipramshree Energy (P) Ltd. has been selected for the following tasks:

- Drafting of By-law for Formation of the Central Rural Energy Fund, 2010
- Drafting of By-law for Formation of the Rural Energy Central Coordination Committee, 2010
- Conducting Analytical study on Subsidy Rates for Renewable Rural Energy Technologies (RETs) and their Delivery Mechanism

d. Article Contribution: Urja Nepal Magazine

Two issues of Urja Nepal Magazine (500 copies in each batch), Year 2, Issue 3, "Mathillo Tamakoshi" and Year 2, Issue 4, "Almalma Ayojanaharu" has been distributed among RE Stakeholders.

e. Credit Financing on RETs

• Nabil Bank Ltd., Himalayan Bank Ltd., KIST Bank Ltd., Bank of Kathmandu Ltd., Clean Energy Development Bank Ltd., ACE Development Bank, National Cooperative Bank Ltd. and Kumari Bank Ltd., selected as partner banks, were oriented on Renewable Energy Technologies (RETs) and opportunities in their financing. The team conducted a site verification/orientation of Cooperatives in Makwanpur, Dhading, Surkhet, Achham, Doti and Kalikot for partnership. The program was conducted between 18th and 26th of May, 2010.

• Officials of AEPC, ESAP and CRT visited Hyderabad for studying the S3IDF model being implemented in India. The model will be implemented for Improved Water Mills under Technical Agreement with Asian Development Bank, here in Nepal under AEPC. The model applies Social Merchant Banking and "gap filling" financing in order to implement small scale projects in developing countries. The tour was conducted between 8th and 12th of June, 2010.

F. Wind Energy Activities

A pilot project is in a pipeline through "Energy for All" program under the financial support of Asian Development Bank. Pokhari Narayanthan VDC, Kavre has been identified as a project area. The people of Identified project area are hazardously suffering from drinking water and except few households; this VDC has been not

accessed to electricity yet. Therefore the main objective of this project is for electrification as well as water pumping. The baseline survey for the pilot project is ongoing.

Executive Director Dr. Narayan Prasad Chaulagain with a team of ADB had also visited the identified location. They have also observed the pilot project of two 400 watt small wind power system at Haibung VDC, Sindhupalchok on 24th April 2010.

F. RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT PROGRESS

- ⇒ Negotiation report for the procurement of computer and office equipment (lot 3) has been prepared and submitted to the EC for approval
- ⇒ The second phase of Social mobilization is continued with formal training for Business Development and Financial Management of CESP.
- ⇒ Formal training program on "Organizational Development and Management for CESP" has been completed in all 21 REP implementation districts.
- ⇒ Training materials for Business Development and Financial Management (BD&FM) training for CESP are prepared
- ⇒ Training program on BD&FM for CESP has been started and completed in Gorkha and Dhading
- ⇒ The updated CESP set-up status is:
 - Number of REP partner COs: 162
 - Number of CO completely transformed: 115
 - Number of CO amended the bye-laws and file for registration: 38
 - Number of COs in process of bye-law amendment: 09
- ⇒ The sample system installation and commissioning of Institutional Solar PV Systems (lot 2-5) has been completed. The commissioning tests of the installed sample PV systems have been completed.
- ⇒ Sample system installation of Water Pumping Systems (lot 6) and PV Agro-grinding Mills (lot 1) is on-going.

- ⇒ Meetings with the contractors were continued in connection to the implementation of the contracts
- ⇒ **Delivery of the solar PV equipment started**
- ⇒ Necessary arrangements for custom clearance of solar energy equipment with exemption of duty/tax were made for the delivery
- ⇒ Newsletter 5 printed and distributed
- ⇒ Web page is being updated regularly.
- ⇒ MIS has been updated.

2. Training /Workshops Awareness/ Orientation Programmes

2.1 Biomass Energy Support Programme

⇒ Annual Review and Planning Workshop with RRESC/SPs

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⇒ Consultative Workshop on Working Modality developing and Sharing with terai stakeholders

Biomass Energy Component organized 3 days working modality developing and annual work plan preparation workshop with relevant terai stakeholders. The workshop was held at Park Village Hotel, Budhanilkantha from 18th to 20th May 2010. The main objectives of the workshop were to discuss on 'Service Delivery and Monitoring Mechanism for Terai' and technologies suitable for the region, develop comprehensive activities suitable for terai region with

bottom-up approach and develop field level implementation guidelines in participatory manner. The workshop was effective for identifying appropriate biomass energy technologies for terai and developing and finalizing the working modality suitable in the context of terai. 30 participants from five organizations had participated in the workshop. ⇒ Interaction programme with Curriculum Development Centre and BEC for inclusion of applied biomass technologies on school curriculum on 24th June 2010.

2.2 Solar Energy Support Programme

⇒ ToT training for Engineers

As solar energy is getting popularity in very remote areas where there is no other means of electricity, it is obvious to promote this technology to those areas. For this, human resource development of this sector should be enhanced. The Level-I and Level-II solar technician are essential for the installation, repair and maintenance of the solar PV system. It needs a good trainer at local level (district) to give training to produce those technicians.

For this, AEPC/ESAP in coordination with Solar Electric Manufacturer Association of Nepal (SEMAN) has organized 8 days "ToT training on Solar PV" for the Engineers from 6th June 2010 to 13th June 2010 at Kathmandu. There were 32 participants and these participants were from the AEPC/ESAP, Solar Companies and DEES/U from Mid western development and Far western development region and Monitoring Consultancy. The course was mainly composed of the technical design as well as the techniques of trainings and training management.

⇒ Solar Energy Training for EEO/AEEO

The training was held in Gaidakot, Nawalparasi for Assistant/Energy and Environment Officer of all 32 District Energy and Environment Unit (DEEU) focusing on Solar Energy. The training was organized by Samuhik Abhiyan Nepal during 18th - 21st June 2010 from the financial support from AEPC. The training was mainly composed of solar energy system design (Solar Home System, Institutional Photovoltaic System, and Photovoltaic Pumping System) and information on renewable

energy policies of government, implementation modality of different projects under AEPC and roles and responsibilities of DEEU (A/EEO). Er. Prem Kumar Pokhrel from AEPC presented about the policies and implementation modalities of AEPC as well as responsibilities of DEEU. Mr. Madhusudan Adhikari, Solar Energy Component Manager of AEPC/ESAP also interacted with the participants about the current problem related to implementation of S/SHS in the districts. Resource persons from Samuhik Abhiyan Nepal presented and demonstrated the practical problems and technical design related to solar energy systems.

⇒ **Orientation Training on GMSI and QMS**

SEC organized one day orientation training on Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion (GMSI) and Quality Management System (QMS) at Shangri-La hotel, Kathmandu on 22nd June 2010. The main objective of this program was to orient top level management of solar companies on relevant issues with GMSI highlighting gender issues related to solar energy sector and follow up on quality assurance system of solar PV industries. There were 65 participants from qualified solar companies. The resource persons for training were Mrs. Indira Shakya to take class on GMSI and Mr. Anil Shankar Giri to take class on QMS.

2.3 Mini Grid Support Programme

⇒ **Regional Centre Work Plan Finalization Workshop**

One day 'Regional Centre Work Plan Finalization Workshop' was conducted in AEPC meeting hall, Kathmandu on 16 May, 2010. Regional Centre discussed on their work plan activities progress. Altogether 15 participants from RRESCs had participated in the meeting.

3. Participation in National/International Workshops

⇒ Dr. Narayangarh Prasad Chaulagain Sir. Executive Director /AEPC) participated the regional consultation meeting , organized by ADB from 10-11 May 2010 at Bangkok.

⇒ 5th Asia clean energy forum Regional Workshop, organized by ADB from 21 to 25 June at Philippine Manila.

Your suggestions ,observations and feedbacks are highly welcome.

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