

## EPPO and ERIA sign MOU for cooperation on capacity buildings in energy forecasting

The Energy Policy and Planning Office (EPPO) and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on energy cooperation to spell out the framework for strengthening capacity buildings in the field of energy forecasting.

Bangkok - 22 March 2013 - **Dr. Twarath Sutabutr, the EPPO's Director General and the Energy Ministry's Spokesman**, said, after the MOU signing ceremony that, "This is a good cooperation and valuable assistance that ERIA provided for EPPO's personnel to strengthen their capacity in energy forecasting with more accuracy in the future."

ERIA is an international organization working to provide analytical research and study policy recommendations including capacity buildings in ASEAN and East Asia countries. Currently, EPPO has continuously cooperated with ERIA on such useful activities as Energy Outlook and Energy Security. This year, ERIA has shown an interest in cooperating with EPPO by giving importance, in particular, to the capacity buildings.

As agreed, ERIA consultants will be temporarily based at EPPO to provide its officers with knowledge on analysis and forecasting using the economic forecasting model that can provide capacity of compiling the impact emerged from variety of policies such as the impact on high speed train development, rail transport system, new town planning management including electric vehicle policy, etc.

Further to that, ERIA provides EPPO with assistance in a survey, result analysis, and energy forecasting in households; and in gaining public acceptance for clean coal technology included in PDP 2015. The MOU will last for 1 year after the date of signing.

Dr. Twarath also said that, "The Model will enable EPPO assess efficiently the energy demand, and will bring the quantitative result of greenhouse gas or CO<sub>2</sub> reduction as implemented from the energy policy"

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