





# Progress of Small and Medium PV System Database in the APEC Region

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### Objective

- To compile, collate, analyze, report, disseminate profiling of small to medium scale PV system information in selected Grid Connected and Off-Grid PV systems.
- To initiate a strong institutional network for collecting, updating and maintaining the database for the PV systems in the APEC member economies.
- 3. To share the information of small to medium scale PV system status in selected GC and OG PV systems in a common platform as an information cloud sharing environment.

# Recap 1<sup>st</sup> APEC Workshop on Small and Medium PV System Database in the APEC Region at Chiang Mai, Thailand



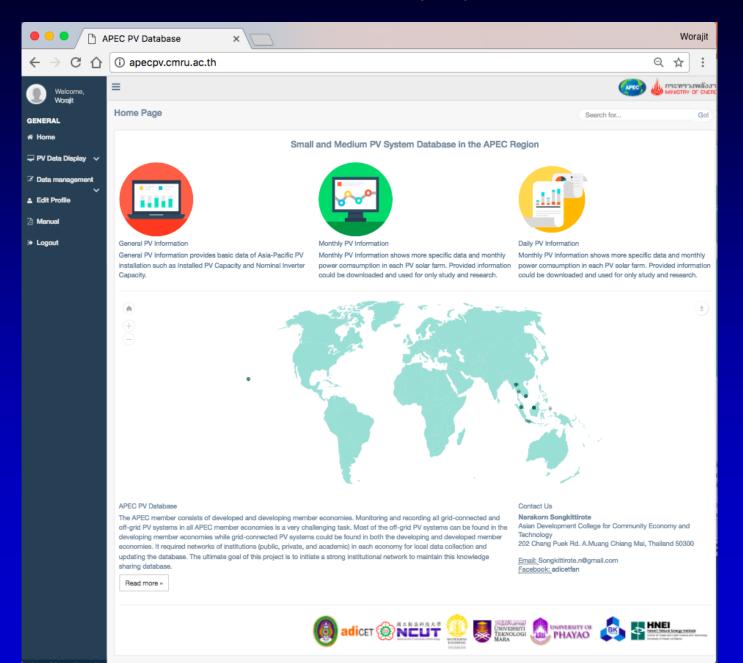
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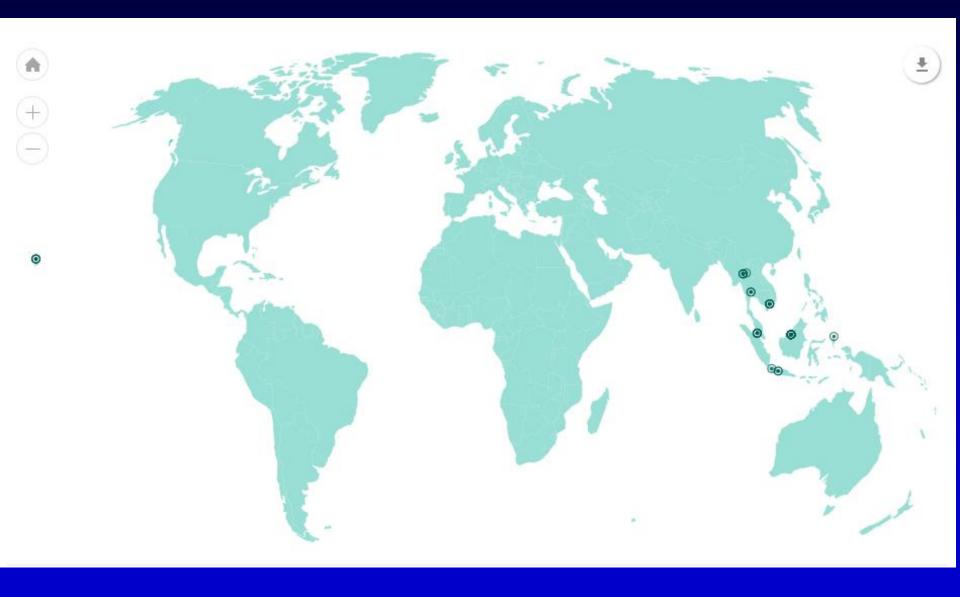
#### Workshop 1 Summary

- Data Collection and Compilation
- Processing, Analysis and Updating Database Methods
- Database Structure, Reporting, Maintenance and Sustainability
- Working Group Collaboration:
  - Economies: Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam
  - Participant: Authority/Ministry; Utility; University
- Data & Updating → Database Design
  - 3 Tiers:
    - 1. General Information (no data logging)
    - 2. Detailed Data (kWh, Solar Irradiation, etc.): 1/month
    - 3. Detailed Performance: 1-10 min data logger
  - Each economy send example data for 2 on-grid & 2 off-grid sites
  - Update every month
  - Develop initial database at Chiang Mai Rajabhat University

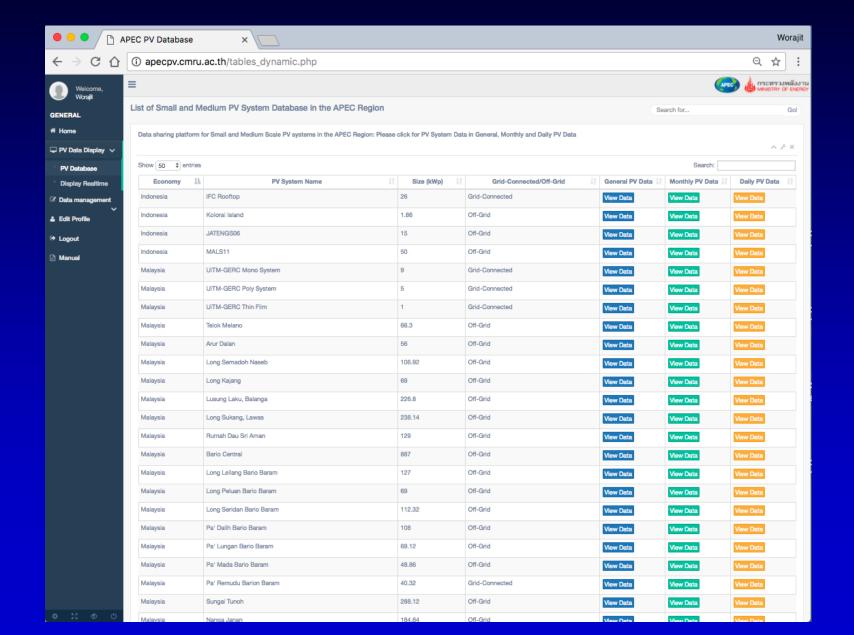
#### PV Database Portal - www.apecpv.cmru.ac.th



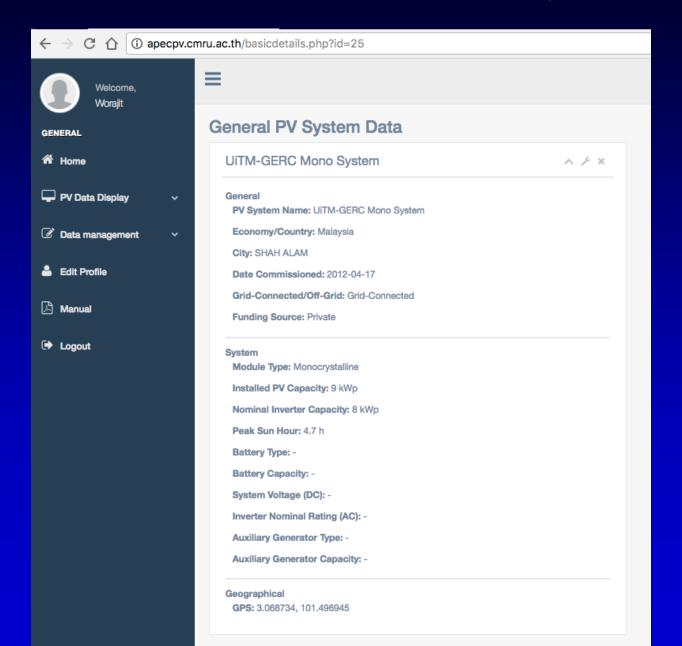
#### Map of PV Systems — can compliment IEA PVPS Tasks



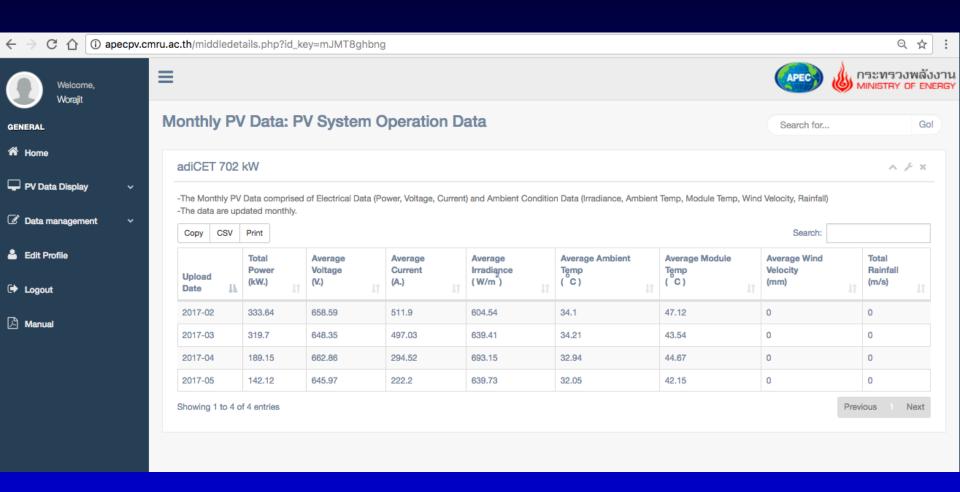
#### List of PV System Page ~ 50 sites from 5 Economies



#### Data from Tier 1— General information of PV systems

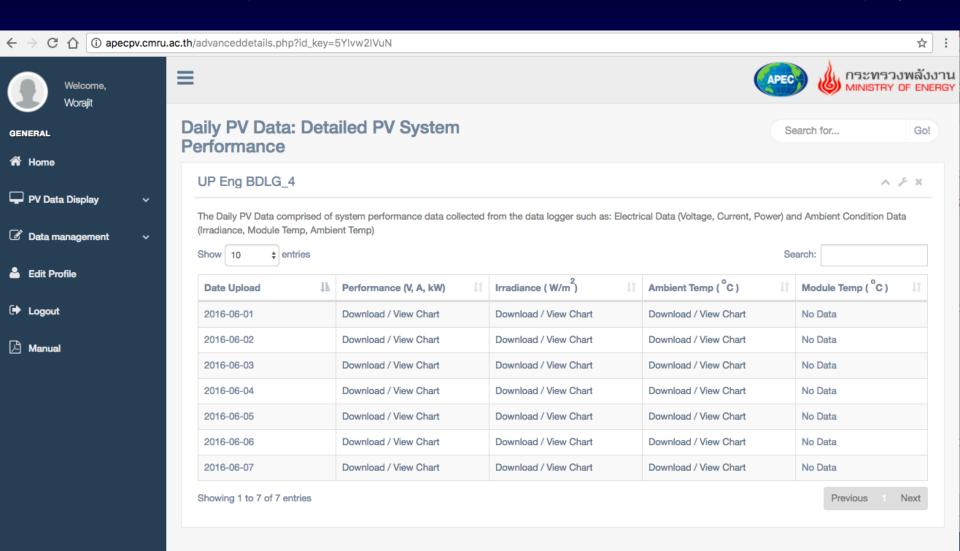


#### Data from Tier 2— Detailed system operation data (monthly)



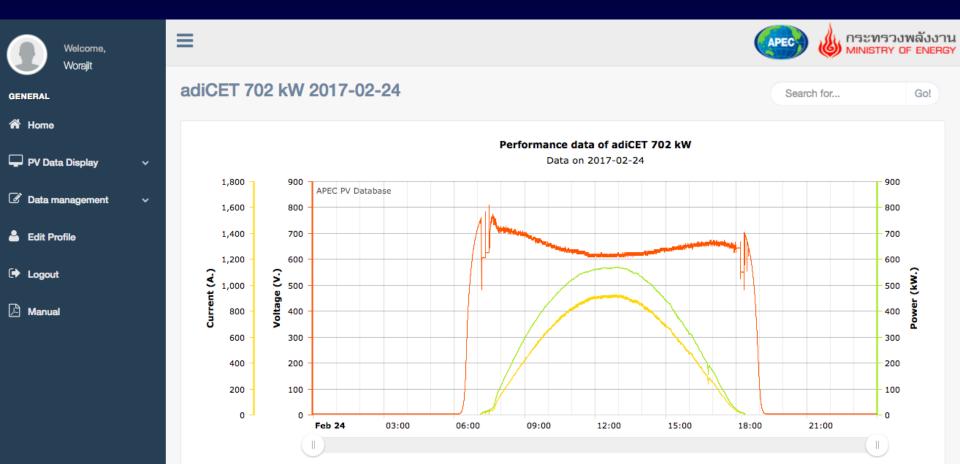
#### Data from Tier 3-

#### Detailed performance data: Download CSV file and Chart Display



#### Data from Tier 3 — Chart Display

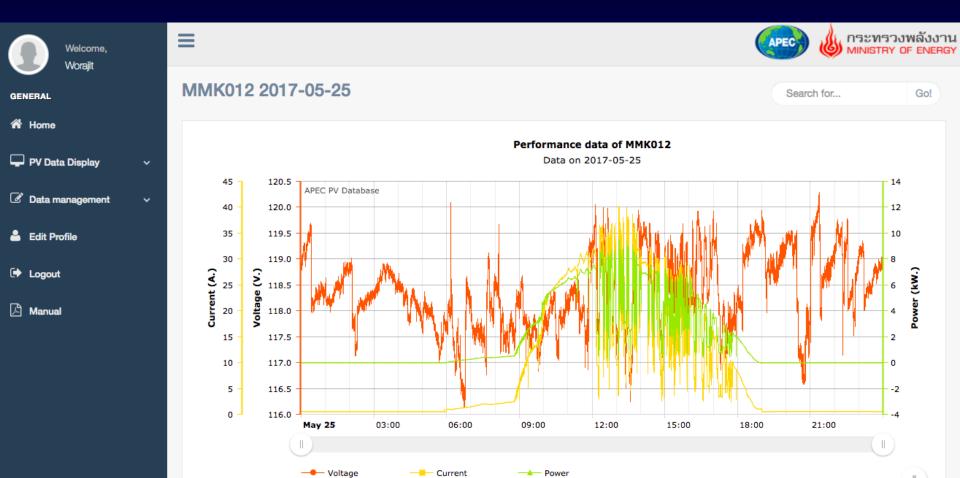
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── Power

#### Data from Tier 3 — Chart Display

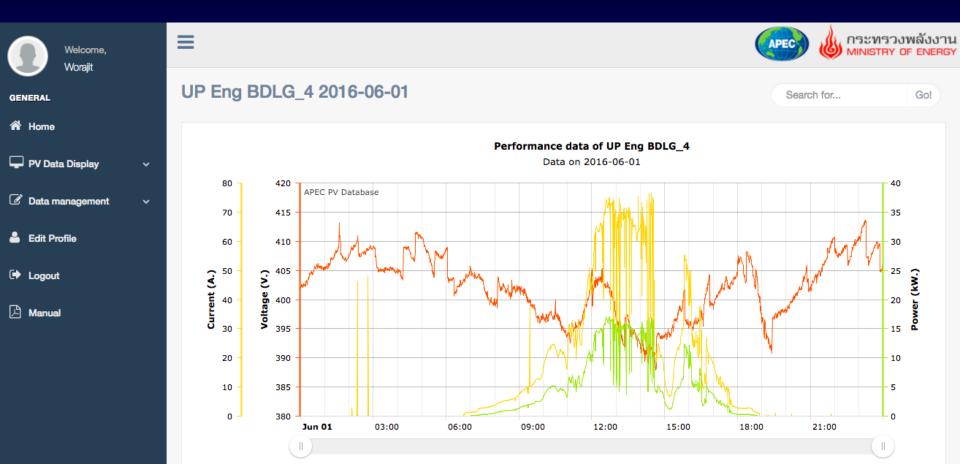


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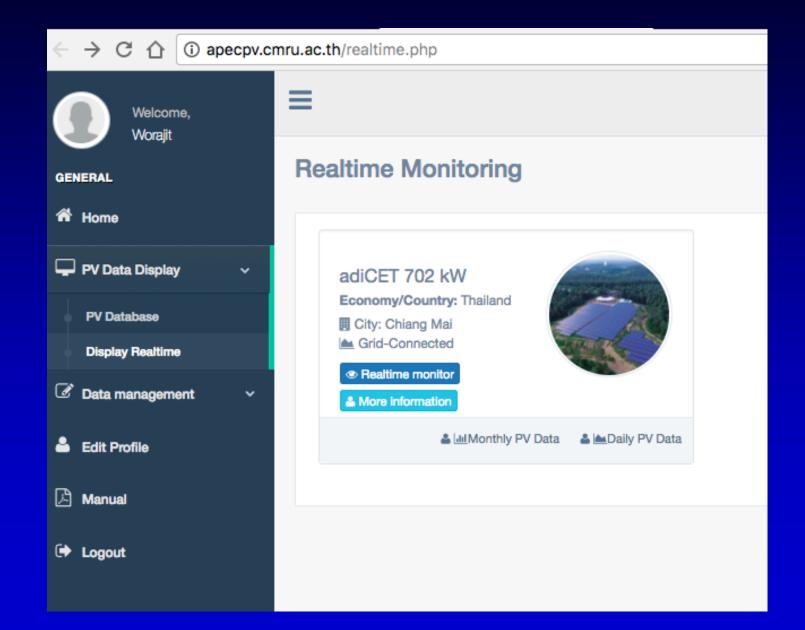
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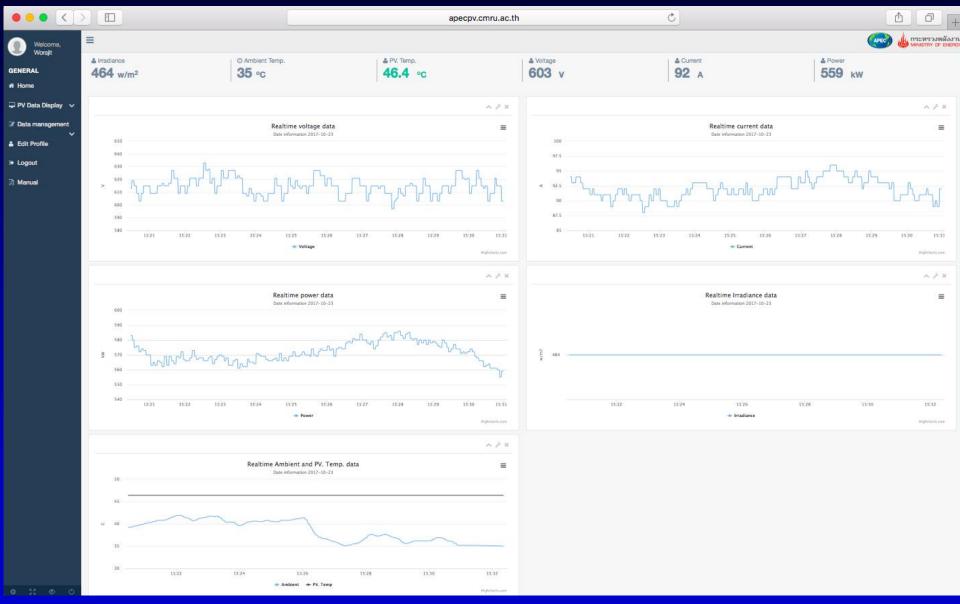
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#### Real-time Data — Linked to PV monitoring system



#### Real-time Data - 702 kW, Chiang Mai, Thailand



#### **Workshop 2 Summary**

- Database initiated: http://apecpv.cmru.ac.th
- Working Group Collaboration:
  - Economies: Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, USA, Vietnam ~ 50 sites
  - Participants: University; Research Institute; Utility
- Keynote Speaker & Invited Talk
  - Existing Databases Performance, PV Fault Report Portal, Solar PV Map
    - Current limited data set, need for Asia hot/humid climate → Connect with IEA
    - Easy for data sharing/ simple form
    - Must PR to keep the database alive
  - Data Collection and Analysis
    - Alignment: Standard, collection method
    - IEC 62446 Grid Connected photovoltaic systems Minimum requirement for system documentation, commissioning tests and inspection
    - IEC 61724 Photovoltaic system performance monitoring guidelines for measurement, data exchange and analysis
  - Data Analytics and Data Utilization
    - Data monitoring device wireless, low cost, stable (long range)
    - Big Data Analytics Machine Learning useful analytic tools for data analysis

#### Workshop 2 – Database Experience Sharing

- Data Updating → Progress & Barriers
  - Need good data; should have some quality control protocol to determine good quality data
  - Standardize units, range of data
  - Time format: date, time zone
  - Easier data input, data sorting, monthly input split to daily
  - Size of file limitation
- Data → Useful for Stakeholders
  - Focused on Performance data (more detail)
    - Performance ratio, Energy Storage, Power Factor, kWh
  - Location Site Mapping/ Geographical View
  - PV structure
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Computations
  - Energy consumption data
  - Algorithm for Forecasting
- Way forward
  - Use IEC 61724 and build upon IEA PVPS Task Force
  - Datasharing agreement

# **Group 1:**Network – Collaboration, Activities

- Increase awareness/ benefit of the Database
- Define specific purpose of stakeholder: Policy maker/ government/ academia/ research
- Challenges
  - Proprietary technology; Business strategy
- How to approach
  - Policy; Awareness; Corporate Social Responsibility
- Collaboration Activities
  - Remote Island Grid
    - Technical Issues; Joint Research; APEC Activities
  - Socio-Economic Issues
    - PV system relations with improve socio-economic activities
    - Common factors/category on socio-economics
  - Gender
    - Gender related activities; women promotion of renewable energy
  - Harmonizing Documents
    - Standard of documents for economies

#### **Group 2**

#### Resources – Facility, Equipment, Capacity Building, Funding

#### Facilities & Equipment

- Data sharing should start with Universities with their own monitoring system
- Provide central database

#### Capacity Building

- Indonesia: University can invite expert for training
- Thailand/Australia/Philippines: Government training
- Chinese Taipei: Government pay 50% for training for PV home user
- Korea: Call center to provide support

#### Way Forward

- Categorize 3 types of data:
  - General
  - National Monitoring System (Monthly/Yearly)
  - Detailed Monitoring System (1-15 min)
- Grouping/Analyze data based on similar sites
- Connect with other Related Association
  - Indonesia Green Building Association
  - Malaysia National Monitoring System

#### What's Next – Way forward?

- Using Existing Network for data collection
- Build upon the network with EGNRET Network, IEA database, APERC, CSR, Industry Associations, Government Monitoring
- Proposal Continue the project
  - Phase 1: Data Collection 5 Economies
  - Phase 2: Capacity Building Discuss with APEC Sec with HNEI Support
  - Phase 3: Continue Data Collection for other Economies; Grouping;
     Analysis for 3 group of stakeholders → Data Utilization
- Proposal New Projects to APEC
  - Remote Island Grid
  - Socio-Economic Issues
  - Gender
  - Harmonizing Documents

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