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# **APEC Workshop on Smart DC Power Opportunity for Community**

**Chiang Mai World Green City  
Chiang Mai, Thailand**

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# Rational

- Smart DC power systems link together electricity produced from renewable energy systems
  - No power conversion loss from DC - AC - DC via inverters
  - More efficient with DC Appliance
- Smart DC community power systems have the capability to provide energy services at the community level
  - Suited for the rural areas of developing APEC member economies



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# Objective

- To determine the opportunity for Smart DC Power in the APEC community
  - DC community power system roadmap
  - Best practices
  - Key barriers
  - Key R&D topics
  - Application and implementation recommendations



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# Agenda

- Opening Ceremony
  - Director General of DEDE, Ministry of Energy
  - Governor of PEA
- MOU – Collaboration between PEA & UP
- Invited Presentations
- Group Breakout
  - Technology & Standards
  - Policy & Financing
  - R&D, Deployment Strategies
- Summary Session







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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

for  
Collaboration in Academic, Research and Development of  
Smart Grid City Model in the University of Phayao  
between  
Provincial Electricity Authority and University of Phayao



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# Workshop Summary

## Smart DC Power Opportunity

	Technology & Standards	Appropriate Policy & Financing	R&D - Deployment
Road Map – Way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote Information Exchange/ Public Relations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stake Holders – user, utility, building owner, device manufacturer</li> </ul> </li> <li>Platform of existing demonstration sites and features</li> <li>Issuance of possible resolution to promote DC technology as cost- effective &amp; efficient technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> <li>Power Development Plan</li> <li>Send Message to financial sources</li> <li>Develop appropriate financing mechanism for DC smart grid development and local manufacturing capability</li> <li>Financing for low income household and small community to adopt the smart grid technology</li> <li>Carbon Credits</li> <li>Job creator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop education awareness - get attention, grants</li> <li>Introduce regulation &amp; requirement for new building code to include dual system</li> <li>Promote on the remote island</li> <li>Promote the microgrid for RE &amp; Energy Conservation</li> <li>Deliver Financial Analysis of DC</li> <li>Promote devices/application using DC (demand side design)</li> </ul>
Best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry association developing standards leading to the rapid adoption of DC power distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish fiscal and non-fiscal incentive to encourage investments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilot projects/ Demonstration sites</li> <li>Collaborative projects between APEC economies – shared data &amp; best practices</li> </ul>
Key barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of Global Standards DC Power</li> <li>Lack of DC application understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack Leadership in policy to promote community power</li> <li>Lack of appreciation of the benefit and advantage of local DC smart grid</li> <li>Mind set issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding</li> <li>Reduce barrier in DC transmission systems and DC fluctuation problems</li> </ul>
Key R&D topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology-Complete solution &amp; Device Interoperability</li> <li>Develop energy storage system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tariff/Subsidies Policy</li> <li>Comprehensive assessment between AC and DC power</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardization and regulation for hybrid system</li> <li>Techno-economic research about DC power</li> </ul>



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# Conclusion

- Lack Understanding of DC power advantages
  - Promote information exchange – all parties
  - Promote demonstration sites in APEC economies
- Lack Standards → undefined user, market demand
  - Global standard
  - Support device manufacture – Local content
  - Policy support & Financial Mechanism
- Focus on household, buildings, local community, island
- Promote DC Power advantages for
  - Efficient way to integrate Renewable Energy sources
  - Energy Efficiency in system and device