

**New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) of Japan launched the result of the preliminary survey on implementing the project of the rice husk-fired biomass system in a workshop held here on May 30.**

The workshop, co-organized by the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy (MIME) and NEDO, was presided over by MIME Secretary of State H.E. Sat Samy.

The project was supported by the Royal Government of Cambodia following the meeting between Mr. Murata Seizi, NEDO President and Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen in June 2010 in a purpose of reaffirming the continuation of Japanese assistance to Cambodia on the research and cooperation projects relating to the installation of the internationally standardized rice mill with high capacity, the installation of rice husk-fired biomass system for generating electricity and the transformation of rice husk ash residue into the natural fertilizer for agriculture.

After the project sustained by the Cambodian premier, NEDO has sent a Japanese company in collaboration with MIME to conduct a survey and collect data in some provinces to set up a specific location for implementing the project, said Secretary of State H.E. Sat Samy in the workshop.

Mr. Yoshiaki Ohisa, General Director of NEDO's foreign affairs, attributed the continuation of Japanese assistance to Cambodia on the cooperation and research projects to the attention made by the Royal Government of Cambodia, mainly Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, and the effective cooperation from the concerned government institutions, notably MIME.

In third phase of survey, the rice mill will be constructed with an increase of rice production from 5 tonnes per hour to 9 tonnes per hour of rice paddy input, said the secretary of state at MIME, adding that the big rice produced companies are required to ensure the economic effectiveness.

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