

ABAC 1999 – Background Papers

PARTNERSHIP FOR EQUITABLE GROWTH

1. FORMAL INCORPORATION OF THE PEG

Since the formal incorporation of the PEG, a first Director's Circular Resolution (DCR) has been approved pursuant to article 52(1) of the Company's Articles of Association. The DCR addressed the following matters:

- Certificate of Incorporation and Memorandum & Article of Association
- First Members of the Company
- First Council of Patrons
- Appointment of Chairman of the Board
- First Secretariat
- Registered Office
- Common Seal
- Filing of Documents
- Appointment of Dato Seri Rafidah Aziz as Ex-officio Director
- Appointment of Chief Executive Officer
- Opening of Bank Account
- Admission of New Member and Appointment of Working Director from Seoul, Republic of Korea

2. OPERATION: TRANSPARENT AND COST EFFICIENT NATURE/BUDGET OF PEG¹

As agreed, the total budget for all fixed costs for the PEG support office including salaries and rental for all personnel is RM 30,000 (US\$7895). All item procedures and manner in which the bank account will be operated (including limits for Signatories, approval process etc) will be highlighted.

3. APEC IT EDUCATION INITIATIVE

A proposal is being finalized to work with leading IT companies in APEC to provide a regional education initiative involving smart partnerships between governments and the private sector in APEC member economies. The objective is to fulfill the ECOTECH promise of APEC in facilitating better education and training/apprenticeship in the lesser developed member economies. The pilot programme will be implemented initially in the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Peru and Malaysia, followed by Chile, China, Vietnam and the remaining APEC

¹ *The management of the account and all expenditure items are subject to the Board's approval of the projects and their budgets, the appointment of auditors and a tax agency, and approval of the operations and limits of signatories to the Bank Account. All measures are taken to ensure transparency and good corporate governance.*

member economies. The initiative will link via the internet all 21 APEC member economies and their respective chosen educational constituencies.

4. APEC SME MINISTERIAL – FACILITATING PRIVATE SECTOR AWARENESS & PARTICIPATION

As part of the drive to ensure that the small & medium-sized enterprises benefit from the many programmes outlined by the APEC SME Ministerial, a PEG-led SME-priority implementation work programme (SPI-WP) is being drawn up for the consideration of the Board. This programme will be implemented in close collaboration with several Chambers of Commerce in APEC member economies.

5. CLEAN ENERGY & THE ASIAN GAS GRID

Discussions have been held with relevant government agencies and private sector companies ensuring that Clean Energy is promoted as an immediate, pragmatic and implementable ECOTECH objective. In line with this objective, the long-term goal of developing functionalist-driven regional energy-based projects (along the lines of the development of the European Steel & Coal Community) is currently explored in the form of long-term projects such as the Asian Gas Grid and other possibilities.

6. OUTREACH PROGRAMME

An updated version of the CD-rom and VCD-based Outreach Programme has been completed and will be launched in stages in the APEC member economies. The objective is to promote the spirit of APEC community based upon ECOTECH objectives both on a generic basis and economy-specific information. This programme will be continuously updated, monitored and managed by PEG in accordance with developments in APEC.

7. ANNUAL PEG REPORT TO ABAC AND THE ECONOMIC LEADERS

In line with the practice of ABAC, PEG will submit an annual report for the Leaders' Summit in Auckland (September 1999) and will work with ABAC to include a brief progress report on PEG in the ABAC Annual Report under the Implementation Task Force Section. Apart from outlining the progress made in the initial term, this report will highlight the transparent and cost efficient nature of the project support office set up in Malaysia which is operating on a total budget RM 30,000 per month.