

## The PaSTI International Workshop took place in Virtual Japan Pavilion

The PaSTI International Workshop was held on March 10th 2021, as the Open Seminar of “Virtual Japan Pavilion - Innovation for 2050 net zero -”, an online exhibition sharing Japan’s environmental technological strengths and environmental initiatives with people in Japan and around the world.

This seminar was to stock-take the current efforts to strengthen the GHG transparency in the ASEAN region, and to highlight the role of PaSTI among those initiatives to deepen understanding of the importance of promoting private sector engagement in climate transparency efforts. Following three presentations on overview of current climate transparency related activities in the ASEAN region, four representatives from the key players in ASEAN region; Business for Sustainable Development, Philippines, National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS) Singapore, Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC), UNFCCC, and UNDP, were invited to the panel discussion to discuss future aspects of climate transparency activities in the region towards 2030 and challenges. Participants represented by their own avatars in the Virtual Japan Pavilion, actively exchanged opinions through the main screen.



Photo of the venue "Virtual Japan Pavilion"



Photo of the panel discussion

The workshop video is available on

PaSTI YouTube

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD5Q6gOXdUrMqXj09Hd42Zw>

## The PaSTI Focal Points exchanging ideas for further collaboration with PaSTI

Following the PaSTI International Workshop, the PaSTI Focal Points gathered in a closed online setting to exchange information on their countries' readiness of facility level GHG emissions MRV and shared ideas on further collaboration. The partners of the PaSTI-Bilateral activities, Mr. Albert Magalang from the Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Dr. Huy Luong Quang from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam reported the activities conducted in each countries as part of the PaSTI-MOEJ project, and shared lessons learned with all the PaSTI Focal Points.

The PaSTI Focal Points discussed approaches for enhancing transparency activities with the involvement of the private sector and actively shared their ideas and opinions on the grounded approaches on transparency activities under their own country's specific situation at the PaSTI Focal Point Round Table. The workshop highlighted the importance of the involvement of the private sector in achieving the NDC goals and confirmed continuing collaboration with PaSTI.



Photo of the PaSTI Focal Point Round Table

## The PaSTI-Viet Nam Online Training Course was held

On March 3rd, 2021, the first PaSTI-Viet Nam online training course “Demonstration of carbon reporting in the building sector in Viet Nam” was successfully completed jointly by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) and the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ). Under the environmental protection law revised in 2020, reporting of energy consumption and GHG emissions by business sector will be mandated in order to achieve the greenhouse gas reduction target set by the national plan called “Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)”. Energy-saving diagnosis, which is enabled through data collection activities, is expected to play a key role to achieve the GHG reduction target in Viet Nam, while it would also be useful for reducing the energy costs for the private sector and energy demand at the national level. The reporting system for the energy usage, which seeks measurements of similar data sets for the energy-saving diagnosis is already institutionalized in Ho Chi Minh City. The following contents were prepared for the half-day online training course in order to support Viet Nam's both national and city level initiatives.

- Introduction of the schedule for the legalization and the contents of the decree and other relevant legal documents under the Revised Environmental Protection Law
- Presentation on the experience of the GHG reporting system and energy audit for the private sector in Japan
- Knowledge sharing on energy consumptions in the past several years and their efforts on energy savings by the participants from hotel and shopping mall industries
- Demonstration of the energy-saving diagnosis by the Japanese experts
- Information on the development of GHG reporting system in the City based on the existing reporting system for the energy usage.

About 70 individuals of the relevant private sector in the City, administration offices at the City and at the national levels, and research institutes participated in this online training course.



PaSTI-Viet Nam Online Training Course

## The first PaSTI-Philippines Workshop Series was completed

The third workshop of the first PaSTI-Philippines' workshop series was held on March 8th, 2021. This workshop series entitled “Capacity Building on Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of Climate Change mitigation” has been jointly conducted by the Environmental Management Bureau of the Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-EMB), and the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ). The third workshop highlighted the private sector's benefits of participating in the transparency activities. The highlight of the workshop was information exchange among Japanese and Philippines Private sector companies. Invited guest-speakers from JFE Engineering Corporation, Marubeni Corporation, Trane Philippines and Holcim Philippines introduced their GHG emissions transparency activities and mitigation measures conducted in their companies.

In response to these presentations, the guest speakers had a discussion on how national climate policy can affect the sector activities and how important the communication with the government is. As the new-normal in the COVID-19 era, every workshop was conducted in online settings. The workshop reached out to the key stakeholders from the Philippines' private sector and local governments efficiently. With more than 100 participants in each workshop, the workshop series underlined the current high interest of GHG transparency activities in the Philippines. You can recap the webinar on PaSTI Official Channel: <https://youtu.be/1B-KUdLjUXk>



Photo of the third workshop



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