Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate

Third Ministerial Meeting
Shanghai, China, 27 October 2009

Communiqué

We, Ministers and Government Representatives, met in Shanghai, China, for our Third Ministerial meeting of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate on 27 October 2009.

We launched the Partnership in Sydney, Australia on 11-12 January 2006 as a regional partnership that focuses on practical and concrete solutions in advancing clean energy and climate goals. We held a second ministerial meeting in New Delhi on 15 October 2007. In its three years, the Partnership has established a record of achievement in promoting collaboration between our governments and private sector in key energy-intensive sectors and activities.

We have worked to develop and implement detailed action plans across key sectors of the energy economy, and we have to date endorsed 175 collaborative projects including 22 flagship projects across the seven Partner countries. These projects have, inter alia, helped power plant managers improve the efficiency of their operations, trained cement plant operators how to save energy at their facilities, assisted in pushing solar photovoltaics toward commercialization, and improved design, equipment and operations of buildings and appliances. The Partnership has been widely noted for its innovative work in public-private sector cooperation, and stands as an example of the benefits of international cooperative efforts in addressing climate change.

We reaffirm the critical role of technology in combating climate change and the need to accelerate technology development, diffusion, and transfer. We are determined to continue to enhance our efforts in technology cooperation and transfer, and to cooperate to help overcome institutional, financial and information barriers to, and promote corresponding incentives for, the effective transfer and diffusion of technologies for both mitigation and adaptation. We acknowledge the role of the Partnership in promoting these objectives to date, and its value in future efforts.

We also reaffirm that our partnership remains consistent with the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other relevant international instruments and complements the Kyoto Protocol. We will work together to achieve a successful outcome in Copenhagen in December 2009.
At this ministerial, we discussed ways to strengthen our cooperation under the Partnership. We discussed the need to consider the Partnership’s activities in light of our deepening cooperation through a variety of initiatives, including the Global Partnership of the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate (MEF) announced by our leaders in L’Aquila in July 2009 and the Delhi Statement on Global Cooperation on Climate Technology issued in October 2009.

We have requested the Policy and Implementation Committee continue discussions on the Partnership’s future with a view to enhancing our cooperative efforts on financing, technology development and transfer, exchange of information on policy approaches, experience and best practices, capacity building, and public-private partnership. We asked the Policy and Implementation Committee to consider the analysis of the flagship projects that we received and the issues it raised. We requested the Policy and Implementation Committee to explore broadening our work to include other sectors, such as transport, and to enhance cooperation with other Parties and the private sector.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Government of China for hosting this meeting.