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### Premier touts cross-agency progress on green energy initiatives

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Premier Lin Chuan reiterated today that green energy technology is a key element of the administration's "five plus two" innovative industries program.

In remarks following a briefing by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) at today's Cabinet meeting, the premier went on to ask that the green energy industry development center keep the program on schedule. The center has devoted extensive resources to developing both hardware and software, especially for the Shalun Green Energy Science City, which the administration hopes will become Taiwan's benchmark demonstration platform for green energy development.

The MOEA's briefing began by stating that efforts to develop green energy technology are firmly based on domestic green energy needs. Green energy efforts are thus designed to attract extensive domestic and foreign investment, increase job opportunities, and spur domestic green energy technology and industry development.

Development strategies include systems integration and finding better ways to conserve, generate and store energy by promoting green energy infrastructure, expanding renewable energy capabilities and cooperating with large international firms. While striving to generate 20 percent of the nation's energy by 2025, the plan also hopes to create 32,000 jobs and generate total investments of NT\$1.82 trillion (US\$59.28 billion) between 2016 and 2025.

Green energy development plan goals include setting up a smart energy-saving system that will drive industry development involving smart electricity meters while generating domestic production value of NT\$41.3 billion (US\$1.35 billion) in 2025.

Plans also call for the creation of an independent offshore wind power turbine industry, requiring 81 percent local content for turbines while driving investment of NT\$613.5 billion (US\$20 billion) and output value of NT\$121.8 billion (US\$3.97 billion) in 2025.

An independent supply chain is also in the works to shore up the domestic solar energy industry capabilities, driving total investment of NT\$1.2 trillion (US\$39.14 billion) and output value of NT\$340 billion (US\$11.09 billion) in 2025.

Creating a technology research cluster that integrates industry, academia and research and development components at the Shalun Green Energy Science and Technology City will involve over 2,200 personnel from research institutes, academic institutions and industry by the year 2021, and an investment of NT\$4 billion (US\$130.46 million).

The MOEA also stated that it has been cooperating with the Ministry of Science and Technology to set up the green energy industry development center. The center will oversee the strategic promotion and management of investment in green energy infrastructure and technological research and development, as well as Shalun Green Energy Science City construction.

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