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## A Low Carbon Society for Korea

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## Low Carbon, Green Growth

- A Low-carbon development paradigm contributes to the reduction of GHG emissions, which aims for decoupling GHG emissions and air pollutants with economic development. It means not only maximize efficient use of natural resources but also minimize environmental impacts. It is based on environmental sustainability and Ecological efficiency (EE).
- The Korean government will make a low-consumption society by drastic increase of energy efficiency by 2030.
- The Korean government focused more on developing related policies for end-use sectors such as residential and commercial sector.
- The Korean government will invest in R&D areas, especially in environmental-friendly technologies such as renewable tech., and promotion of green energy industry to make 'Green-powerful country'

## **Energy Situation in Korea**

- Import Dependence : 97%
- Fossil fuel : 83%

140 131.1 (Estimated value) 120 100 95 85.6 80 66.7 ---- Energy Income 60 49.6 40 29.40 23.10 20 16.00 14.60 0 1.90 (Estimated value) 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 -20

(unit: billion \$)



## **Energy Mix (Power Sector)**



## **Policy for Low Carbon Society**

#### **Lowering Energy Consumption**

- Energy Intensity : 0.341(2007) -> 0.185(2030)
- Enhancing the national capacity for climate adaptation

#### **Carbon Free Energy Source**

- Oil dependency : 43.4%(2007) -> 33%(2030)
- Renewable energy : 2.4%(2007) -> 11%(2030)

#### **Green Energy Technology**

Technology : 60%(2007) -> World Best(2030)

#### **Energy Independence**

• Rate : 4.2%(2007) -> 40%(2030)

## **Policy for Low Carbon Society**



(unit: Mtoe)

## **Sectional Action Plan and Roadmap**

#### **Industrial Sector**

- Promoting programs which improve energy efficiency
- Reinforcing energy demand side management
- Introducing fortified NA (Negotiated Agreement)
- Introducing emission trading system
- Investing in R & D to improve the efficiency of energy intensive devices such as HD TV, LCD monitor, green car, and efficient motor

#### **Transportation Sector**

- Minimization of trip distance for commuting by intensive land use
- Modal shift from cars to mass transit systems (buses, railways, LRTs)
- Infrastructure development for foot and bike passengers (sidewalk, bikeway, cycle parking)
- Diffusion of motor drive cars such as electric vehicles and fuel cell vehicles

## **Sectional Action Plan and Roadmap**

#### **Residential & Commercial Sector**

- Reinforcing the tight standards for insulation which is equivalent to those of developed countries
- Utilizing passive house or carbon-neutral house
- Appling green IT technology to improve the energy efficiency of buildings
- Distributing LED and high efficiency products to reduce energy demand in lighting
- Creating and expanding proper markets of such devices, providing competitive market conditions by implementing such high efficient lighting

#### **Power Generation Sector**

- Expanding renewable energy sources with proper financial incentives such as RPA
- Expanding nuclear power generation
- Exporting Korean style of nuclear reactors to other developing countries
- Increasing long term contract of energy resources such as natural gas or crude oil with proper energy stocks and filing
- Investing and developing joint programs on advanced technology such as CCS

| Stakeholders          | Roles  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| People                | -Reducing energy consumption<br>-Volunteering to low-carbon, eco-friendly life style.  |  |
| NGOs                  | -Raising public awareness about climate change<br>-Encouraging and Introducing various activities for low-carbon society<br>-Monitoring production of carbon   |  |
| Private Sectors       | -Volunteer campaign for reducing GHG and wastes.<br>-Promoting development and application of clean technology<br>-Leading CO2 emission reduction through low-carbon product<br>-Establishing low-carbon business models                                 |  |
| Local<br>governments  | <ul> <li>-Collecting local GHG emission data</li> <li>-Making comprehensive plans and strategies for local governments</li> <li>-Shifting urban system to more environmental friendly</li> <li>-Designing sustainable urban transport systems</li> </ul> |  |
| Central<br>government | -Providing visions and plans for a low carbon society<br>-Enhancing the national capacity for climate adaptation<br>-Developing financial incentives and facilities  |  |



## **Modeling Framework**



## Estimated socio-economic indicators

|  | 2005    | 2050    | 2050/2005 |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|
| GDP (2005 = 1)   | 1       | 4.42    | 4.42      |
| Population('000)   | 48,138  | 42,343  | 0.87      |
| Household('000)  | 15,971  | 18,330  | 1.15      |
| Average family members   | 2.89    | 2.21    | 0.76      |
| Floor space for Residential  | 20.2    | 40      | 1.98      |
| Energy consumption per floor area for energy service (100 in 2005) | 100     | 151     | 1.51      |
| Passenger transport demand (mil p-km)                              | 275,441 | 345,000 | 1.25      |
| Freight transport demand (mil t-km)                                | 178,745 | 352,000 | 1.96      |
| Urbanization rate  | 80.8%   | 93.0%   | 1.15      |

## **Basic Assumptions**

• Future demand for energy service will increase



- The energy efficiency will reach to the Japanese level in 2030.
- Economic methods such as levy on carbon tax and emissions trading are not included.

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



| Actions |  | Expected CO <sub>2</sub><br>Reductions |
|---------|--|--|
| 1       | Low Carbon and Green Buildings                                     | 17.89 MtC                              |
| 2       | Green IT   | 1.40 MtC                               |
| 3       | Green traffic transportation system                                | 12.89 MtC                              |
| 4       | Expand Public Transportation and build pedestrian friendly passage |  |
| 5       | Develop Low-Carbon technology in industrial sector and VA          | 22.36 MtC                              |
| 6       | Supply renewable energy  | 24.44 MtC                              |
| 7       | Expansion of low-carbon energy source and introducing CCS          |  |
| 8       | Energy labeling  | Cross-sectional                        |
| 9       | Training low-carbon specialist and Governance                      |  |

## **Breakdown of Emissions reduction potential**



# Estimation of Carbon sequestration under different land-use scenarios

## Methods



## **Result of Land Use Change**

Base Year : 2005 Target Year : 2030



## Potential Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>

- From 12.42 to 14.07 MtC will be reduced annually by terrestrial. This is 8.3% percent of 2005 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Korea.
- This means from 323 million to 364 million dollars in economic efficiency per year (1tC : 17EUR).
- Potential reductions of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from natural land cover will able to bring 860 million dollars of economic profits during 25 years.

| 25 years                                    |                              | A1 Scenario<br>(MtC) | B2 Scenario<br>(MtC) |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sink  | Forest Biomass Contents ( t) | 330.2                | 337,0                |
|   | Reforestration               | 22.4                 | 26.6                 |
| Emission                                    | Deforestation                | -34.6                | -31.5                |
|   | Remain Biomass               | -7.7                 | -5.7                 |
| Reduction level of CO <sub>2</sub> in soil  |                              | 44.0                 | 25.5                 |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions caused by LUC     |                              | -42.3                | -11.7                |
| Net change of CO <sub>2</sub> caused by LUC |                              | -19.8                | 14.9                 |
| Total (1 year)                              |                              | 310.5(12.4)          | 352.0(14.0)          |



#### To achieve a target of 30-40% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emission,

- CCS and combined cycle technology in power generation sector would play a major role.
- The efficiency improvement can lead to a reduction of  $CO_2$  emissions.
- Conservation of natural carbon sinks is necessary for LCS even if changeable amount of potential reduction is little.
- The government should play a leading role in promoting a common vision towards LCS at the earliest stage, enforcing comprehensive measures for social and technological innovation, implementing strong measures to actualize this potential reduction.

## A 'Low-carbon, Green Growth' paradigm contributes to the reduction of GHG emissions

