LCEI Newsletter

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Welcome to LCEI Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of LCEI newsletter. This newsletter aims to provide information about Strengthening Low Carbon Energy Island Strategies (LCEI) project to the stakeholders. The newsletter will be released quarterly.

LCEI project is implemented by Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE) assisted by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and

financed by Government of Maldives and Global Environment Facility (GEF). The project aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through, increasing energy efficiency in the building sector by developing appropriate policies, guidelines and standards.

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20th June 2016 - The Ministry of Environment and Energy, Maldives National University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth MVR 1.3 Million. The objective of the MoU is to integrate and deliver Green Building Concepts particularly

"this initiation by the Ministry of Environment and Energy is commendable and it will enable to develop much needed human resources in the construction industry of the Maldives" – Dr. Ali Fawaz Shareef, Vice-Chancellor of Maldives National University Energy Efficiency modules in the training programs of the Maldives National University. The MoU was signed in a ceremony held at the Ministry of Environment and Energy today. The signatories of the MOU were the Minister of Environment and Energy Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim and the Vice-Chancellor of Maldives National University Dr. Ali Fawaz Shareef.

Speaking at the ceremony, Minister Thoriq Ibrahim highlighted that the MoU will assist in reducing the energy consumed in the building sector and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the building sector. Minister Thoriq also stated that the government is taking several measures to mitigate GHG emissions from the Maldives. He envisaged that the efforts taken through this MoU will help to conserve energy and reduce GHG emissions. The Vice-Chancellor of Maldives National University Dr. Ali Fawaz Shareef stated that this initiation by the Ministry of Environment and Energy commendable and it will enable to develop crucial human resources in the construction industry of the Maldives.



Group photo taken at the MOU signing ceremony

Collaboration with Maldives Girl Guides Association and Scout Association of Maldives on increasing awareness regarding climate change and energy efficiency

15th March 2016 - The Ministry of Environment and Energy, Maldives Girl Guides Association, and the Scout Association of Maldives have signed a MoU on learning and creating awareness on climate change and energy efficiency issues amongst the members of both uniform bodies.

The MoU was signed in a ceremony held at the Ministry of Environment and Energy. The signatories were the Minister

of Environment and Energy Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim, Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Maldives Girl Guides Association Ms. Aishath Shaheen, and the Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association of Maldives Mr. Hussain Abdullah.

Speaking at the ceremony, Minister Thoriq Ibrahim said that the objective of the MoU is to create awareness about adverse impacts of climate change, the benefits of energy efficiency in combating climate change, and the benefits of energy efficiency at the national and household levels.



Minister H.E Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim speaking during the MOU signing ceremony

The main activity under the MoU

is to implement a badge focused on climate change and energy efficiency for all age groups of Girl Guides and Scouts. It's important to note that this badge will be the first ever badge on energy efficiency thematic area. The outreach of this activity is estimated to be more than 10,000 members of Girl Guides and Scouts and it would have a ripple effect in passing the knowledge from the Girl Guides and Scouts to the community. The Maldives Girl Guides Association and Scout Association of Maldives comprise of members of a range of age groups from preschoolers to professionals in different geographical locations of the Maldives.



Energy Efficiency Awareness through Social Media



Trailer of the drama was uploaded to Ministry Facebook page on 6.07.2016

06th June 2016 — A television drama named "Dhenagannamaa" was produced and telecasted on Public Service Media's TV Channel Television Maldives. The drama conveyed the message on importance of using electric appliances in an energy efficient manner. Through this drama key messages on how to use air conditioners, refrigerators and other electric appliances were conveyed.





7th June 2016 – Poster on regularly cleaning of air conditioner filter was published on Ministry Facebook page.



12th June 2016 – Poster on setting the temperature of air conditioners was published on Ministry Facebook page.





8th June 2016 – Video spot on using electricity wisely was published on Ministry Facebook page.





23rd June 2016 – Video spot on regularly cleaning of air conditioner filter was published on Ministry Facebook page.

World Environment Day Activities



3rd June 2016 - An energy efficiency stall was organized at the World Environment Day Festival held in Rasfannu, Male'. The stall was organized by the Ministry of Environment and Energy with support from the LCEI project in association with State Electric Company Limited (STELCO) and Maldives Energy Authority (MEA). The activities and games played in the stall were designed to increase the awareness of energy efficiency. In addition, leaflets about climate change and energy efficiency were distributed.







Energy Efficiency Art Competition

3rd June 2016 - The competition named "Energy Efficiency Art Competition 2016" was launched by Minister of Environment and Energy Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim on the special event held to mark the World Environment Day 2016.

The objective of the competition is to increase awareness on climate change and Energy Efficiency. The competition is divided into 4 categories. They are:

Category 1: 6 to 9 years
Category 2: 10 to 11 years
Category 3: 12 to 17 years
Category 4: 18 to 25 years

First place for each category will be awarded a gift voucher worth MVR 2500. And for the second and third place, gift voucher worth MVR 1000 and MVR 500 would be awarded. Contestants can submit artworks until 4th July 2016. Information about the competition was provided through various communication channels.



27th June 2016 – Interview to DhiTV

The best Art works of this competition will be used to derive the design of Energy Efficiency badge which is being developed for Girl Guides and Scouts in the Maldives.



26th June 2016 - Mivaguthu program of TVM



23rd June 2016 – 13 Gadi Talk show of Channel 13



First Steering Committee meeting of Strengthening Low Carbon Energy Island Strategies (LCEI) Project



Minister Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim Chaired the meeting

3rd April 2016 - The first Project Steering Committee meeting was held on 3rd April 2016. The meeting was chaired by Minister of Environment and Energy, Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim. In his opening statement Minister highlighted the importance of stakeholder involvement throughout the project to ensure a successful implementation of the project. In addition, members were presented the project objectives, outcomes, expected outputs and targets including budget since this was the first meeting. Also members were briefed about the project progress in the last quarter. Finally Project Work plan for 2016 was presented to steering committee members for their approval.



Ongoing Consultancy Services



19th June 2016 - Link: https://goo.gl/6bWIhC



26th May 2016 – Link: https://goo.gl/t4XPq7



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1st May 2016 - Link: https://goo.gl/PG5RRh



10th April 2016 – Link: https://goo.gl/bGA5QK



04th April 2016 - Link: https://goo.gl/lyc4jU

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