

**Overseas Market Information****Indonesia****Business Opportunities in Indonesia****West Java offering Geothermal Energy Potentials to New Zealand**

To speed up regional electrification programme in New Zealand, the West Java government is offering opportunities to invest in geothermal energy development. The West Java government is going to invite the investors to conduct geothermal explorations on business-to-business basis as only 20% of West Java geothermal energy potential of 6,101 MW is currently being utilised. Geothermal energy development is expected to speed up West Java electrification programme while the region contributes some 4,654 MW to the Java-Bali power supply network.

The Demand for Oleo Chemical to Grow by 7-10% this year

The Directorate General of Agro and Chemical Industry in the Ministry of Industry, Government of Indonesia predicted that the demand on three major groups of oleo chemical products, such as fatty acid, fatty alcohol, and glycerin increased from 216,316 tons in 2009 into 237,948 tons at domestic market. This increase is driven by the growing demand from the user industries, namely food, cosmetic and chemical. Last year, oleo chemical production reached 1.21 million tons with utilisation of 62.6% or 757,581 tons. From the total production, around 71.4% or 541,265 tons are exported.

PKT to Produce One Million Tons of NPK Fertilizer

Indonesian fertilizer firm PT Pupuk Kalimantan Timur (PKT) has set a target of producing one million tons of NPK fertilizer in 2014 with an additional investment of more than US\$ 100 million. PKT already had a blending NPK factory with a production capacity of 100,000 tons and they will be increasing their production about 200,000 tons per annum in the month of July or August. They are also constructing an NPK fertilizer factory with a capacity of 200,000 tons in Medan, North Sumatra.

Chinese & Malaysian Investors to Build Ceramics Plants in Indonesia

Investors from China and Malaysia intend to invest in Indonesia to build ceramics plant this year as part of their business expansion. The Malaysia investors have intended to build a sanitary ceramics plant in Surabaya, which is expected to start production in June this year. The construction of the ceramics plant with a production capacity of 2 million pieces per month would cost around Rp5 billion. Meanwhile, the Chinese investor was still exploring the possibility of constructing a ceramics plant at a total cost of Rp250 billion. The plant is expected to produce 10,000 cu meters of floor tile per day. The Indonesian ceramics industry currently produces three types of ceramics, namely floor tile, tableware and sanitary ceramics.

(Source : Embassy of India, Jakarta)



Singapore

India – Singapore CECA review commences

The recent concluded second review of the India – Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), held on 11th May, 2010 at New Delhi were launched by Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Mr. Anand Sharma and Minister for Trade and Industry of Singapore, Mr. Lim Hng Kiang. In the Agreement a bilateral economic roadmap have been finalised by the two ministers to take the CECA forward during the next five years. The salient features of the bilateral economic roadmap are as follows :

- ❖ Target to double annual bilateral trade by 2015
- ❖ Expansion of CECA's product coverage and parity with Rules of Origin in other FTAs signed by India, specifically the AI FTA and the India – Korea FTA
- ❖ Broaden Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) on Goods under CECA to facilitate trade
- ❖ Identify ways in which Indian businesses can leverage of Singapore as a business hub in the Asia Pacific to support their international expansion
- ❖ To identify more opportunities for Singapore companies to participate in Public – Private partnership projects in India
- ❖ Explore and develop cooperation, beginning with science and technology, intellectual property rights, and the media, as provided for under the CECA Cooperation Chapters
- ❖ Increase two way flow of tourist, businessmen and professionals
- ❖ Expedite conclusion of MRAs for dentistry, medical, nursing, architecture, accountancy and company secretary professionals on priority
- ❖ Develop closer cooperation in tourism

(Source : High Commission of India, Singapore)