**Green Growth**

*KDIS Development Case Study Series 2012*



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(Vietnam time)

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*KDI School of Public Policy and Management****,***

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*The World Bank*

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* **Background**

Green Growth is a globally relevant approach to sustainable economic growth that was developed in Asia. Green Growth is a policy focus for the Asia and Pacific region that emphasizes environmentally sustainable economic progress to foster low-carbon, socially inclusive development.

Nowadays, it is imperative that countries in the AP region continue their economic growth to alleviate poverty and to achieve social progress. However, increased environmental degradation, climate change and resource depletion requires AP region countries to reassess their development paths. In order to achieve Green Growth, the past axiom of "grow first, clean up later" needs to be changed to a more responsible long-term approach.

Green growth should be considered as a subset of sustainable development, not as a replacement for it. Sustainable development provides an important context for green growth. Green growth can open up new sources of growth through productivity, innovation, new markets, and stability. Green growth will also reduce the risks to growth from bottlenecks that arise when resource scarcity or reduced quality makes investment more costly and creates imbalances in natural systems.

A country needs to promote green growth by encouraging economic growth with an emphasis on environmental and social concerns. What are the essentials of green growth strategies? Green growth policy consists of broad framework policies such as core fiscal and regulatory settings, e.g. tax and competition policy. Also green grow policy should provide incentives to use natural resources efficiently and to make pollution more expensive.

However, no government has all the technological, scientific, financial, and other resources needed to implement green growth alone. The challenges are global, and recently we have seen encouraging international efforts to tackle environmental issues collectively, including the path-breaking Cancun agreements to address climate change.

To promote South-South knowledge sharing on the importance of green growth, KDI School in collaboration with GDLN, World Bank are organizing video-conferencing session on Green Growth within the KDIS Development Case Study Series to review green growth reflected in different countries. It also aims to explore how International Organizations support countries' implementation efforts toward green growth. The participants will also have a chance to learn about the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), an international platform, which was launched in Korea in 2010.

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**Order of Program (in Vietnam Time)**

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| **Time** | **Action** | **Speaker** |
| **Opening** | | |
| 09:30-09:33 | Opening & introduction of program | Kye Woo Lee (Moderator) |
| 09:33-09:38 | Introduction of participants at each site | Kye Woo Lee (Moderator) |
| Local facilitators |
| **Session 1:** **Journey towards Green Growth with GGGI** | | |
| 09:38-09:40 (2 min.) | Introduction of speaker | Local facilitator |
| 09:40-10:00 (20 min.) | Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) | Myung Kyoon Lee |
| 10:00-10:15 (15 min.) | Q&A Session on presentation of GGGI | *Facilitated by Kye Woo Lee* |
| **Session 2: Vietnam’s case study** | | |
| 10:15-10:17 (2 min.) | Introduction of speaker | Local facilitator |
| 10:17-10:37 (20 min.) | Vietnam’s case study | Pham Hoang Mai |
| 10:37-10:52 (15 min.) | Q&A Session on Vietnam’s case study | *Facilitated by Kye Woo Lee* |
| **Session 3: Japan’s case study** | | |
| 10:52-10:54 (2 min.) | Introduction of speaker | Local facilitator |
| 10:54-11:14 (20 min.) | Japan’s case study | Tomoyuki Naito |
| 11:14-11:29 (15 min.) | Q&A Session on Japan’s case study | *Facilitated by Kye Woo Lee* |
| **Closing** | | |
| 11:29-11:30 | Wrap-up discussion, conclusion and closing | Kye Woo Lee (Moderator) |