

# SURIA

A quarterly newsletter for MPIA members

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## Discussions with Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water.

A strong 12 member team led by our President had a 2-hour dialog session with YB Dato' Peter Chin Kui, Minister of KeTTHA on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at his office in Putrajaya. A number of issues pertaining to the solar PV industry in the country were discussed.

The main points discussed were:

- Post MBIPV and SURIA 1000 – The Implementation of Feed-In-Tariff Program (FIT)
- A Proposal for an establishment of RM 1.0 Billion Solar Initiative Fund (SIF)
- Implementation of Multi-Megawatts of Grid-connected solar PV systems for Peak Load Levelling
- PV Power as part of Malaysia Energy mix
- MPIA representation in the Green Technology Council



YB Dato Peter Chin was very pleased that MPIA was committed in promoting the PV industry and willing to assist the government with the latest information on research and development in green technology especially

solar PV. YB Dato Peter Chin requested MPIA to have further discussions with Pn. Badriyah on these issues on a later date.

A simple memorandum expressing MPIA's views on solar PV for the country was then handed over to the Minister.

## Discussions with MOSTI

Issues related to Nuclear Energy portrayed as a clean renewable energy was addressed and discussed. MPIA expressed concern on the deployment of

nuclear plants in the country with respect to safety and disposal of nuclear waste.

MPIA requested for representation in

MOSTI's technical committee on renewable energy.

MPIA also inquired on the availability of grants for training and product development.

### MPIA Committee Members 2009/2010

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## Dialog with Minister of Works

MPIA represented by its President, Shamsudin Khalid, Vice President, Sivaganthan J and Secretary, Shadzli Wahab visited the Minister of Works, YB Dato' Shaziman Abu Mansor on Oct 21, 2009 at his office in KL.

Even though the meeting was short, MPIA managed to convey its messages to the Minister on issues pertaining to rural off-grid

electrification. This included issues on non solar companies being awarded solar projects, wrong specifications in tenders, need for reference specifications for tenders, use of qualified installers, implementation of ISP certified PV solar training, and other matters.

The Minister requested for a written submission to him on the matters

discussed and a memorandum is currently being prepared for submission by the Secretary.

MPIA also offered to provide consultancy services to the ministry in an effort to rectify and implement cost effective and quality off grid solar PV systems.

## Discussions with Energy Commission (EC)

MPIA had a meeting with Energy Commission at their premises in KL on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

EC was represented by Mr. Francis Xavier who said that ST is looking forward to promote RE projects especially PV projects and was currently assisting the government to set up the RE policy with help from MIDA.

EC also agreed with MPIA that the government should reduce the incentive of oil and gas and transfer the subsidies to the RE sector. This will make RE competitive.

Currently, EC is working on FIT and will be forwarding their proposals to the government soon.

Mr. Francis also

suggested that MPIA should take up a project under the SREP initiative.

MPIA was advised to consider installing a 10 MW solar PV plant in the near future. EC has indicated that they will support this venture as long as it is within their jurisdiction.

## MPIA to chair Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)

MPIA was selected to Chair the Technical Advisory Panel for PV Solar training in the country.

En. Shamsudin Khalid (President, MPIA) was grateful to lead this

advisory panel supported by the PTM-MBIPV as the secretary, ACEM, CIDB, PAM, ST, UiTM-PVMC & TEEAM.

The Technical Advisory Panel was formed to formulate policies on PV

training with respect to the industry. The various members in this panel were roped in to provide input and suggestions on how to maintain and upkeep current national solar on-grid and off-grid training programs.

## Discussions with Pn. Badriyah of KeTTHA

As a follow up with the meeting with the Minister of KeTTHA, MPIA met up with Pn. Badriyah on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at her office in Putrajaya.

MPIA presented the proposal for a 5 year Master Plan for Solar PV implementation in the country.

Pn. Badriyah welcomed MPIA's input and value proposition. She indicated that some of our proposals will be considered for the Renewable Energy plan which is currently under development.

The 5 year master plan can be viewed on our web page.



### Upcoming Events

1. Asian PV Industry Platform, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Marriott Hotel, Putrajaya.
2. Forum Konsultansi Kumpulan Perundangan Teknologi Hijau on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Marriott Hotel, Putrajaya
3. National PV Conference on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Marriott Hotel, Putrajaya

## Exhibitions & Conferences

MPIA endorsed & participated in two events namely:

High Performance Green Buildings Malaysia, 12-14 October 2009 and,

Nano and Renewable Tech Malaysia 27-29 October 2009.

High Performance Green Buildings Malaysia was a conference on latest

development in implementing green building concepts. This included energy efficiency, architecture and environment considerations.

The Nano and Renewable Tech Malaysia was an exhibition on technology, research and business on nano and green concept

where the exhibitors are from the service industries, nanotech and research industries. 2 of MPIA members also participated in this event namely Wazlina Sdn Bhd and Atlas CSF Sdn Bhd.

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## MPIA NEWS

MPIA currently has 26 full members and 7 associate members.

MPIA employs a full time staff En. Mahathir Mohamad Hilal to man the Secretariat. He is currently stationed at IPS Sdn Bhd as En. Shadzli Wahab has taken over the role of Secretary from Mr. Paul Millot. This is due to constitutional issues. We thank Mr. Paul Millot for all of his contributions in the past. Mr. Paul Millot will continue to support the committee as an external consultant.

MPIA cannot function at its fullest without the cooperation of its members. Members are encouraged to join and participate actively in sub committees especially in areas such as publications, exhibitions and training.

Our AGM has been scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010. Members are encouraged to put forward to the secretariat any issues or resolutions that need to be addressed at the AGM soon.

Venue of the meeting, agenda and the schedules will be announced in due course.

For more information, please contact the MPIA Secretariat.

## Upgrade to Full Membership

All current **eligible** MPIA Associate Members are kindly requested to upgrade their membership to Full Members status starting Jan 2010.

This is in line with the General Committee decision to align and streamline our

membership structure with our constitution. As per our records most associate members are eligible for this upgrade.

Associate members who do so will now be eligible to vote in the AGM. They will also be eligible to hold positions in the main committee come election

year.

Members are also kindly requested to encourage other companies related to the solar PV industry to join MPIA. This will help strengthen the association.

## Local Parts, Local Prices

In an effort to reduce PV system prices, MPIA is requesting all members to source their components locally where possible. Members who are manufacturers are kindly requested to offer preferential prices of their products and services to

MPIA members. This will help promote local products. For instance we have local battery manufacturers who can supply deep discharge batteries. If the prices are right, MPIA can promote these batteries for local use.

Recycling is another area members must practice. MPIA can assist to get in touch with recycling centres that are willing to pay for e.g. dead batteries instead of throwing them away.