# Low Carbon, Green Growth in Korea

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1. Background of Green Growth

2. Policy Directions of Green Growth

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# Why Korea needs green growth?

# ♦ In Korea 2 times rapid climate change than Global warming

Summer Period : 16 days increase

: Jun. 3 ~ Sep. 21 (1920s) → May. 24 ~ Sep. 27 (1990s)

• Winter Period : 19 days decrease

: Nov. 21 ~ Mar. 18 (1920s) → Nov. 29 ~ Mar. 8 (1990s)



**♦** Increasing Damages due to disasters

# Why Korea needs green growth?

#### **♦** High dependence on energy import

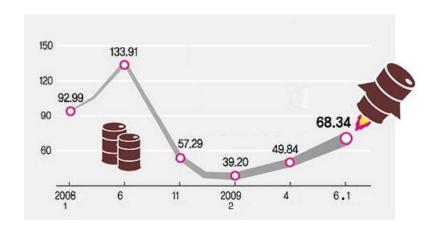
- One of the world's top 10 energy consumers: 97% imported
  - Annual average increase rate: 1.1%

#### **♦** Ranking 9<sup>th</sup> GHG emission (594 million tCO₂/year'05)

#### High energy consumption industries

\* 38% of total energy consumption, 80% of energy consumption in manufacturing





# Definition of Green Growth

#### **♦** What is green growth?

- "sustainable development" that can be defined by the following 3 elements
  - Positive Cycle between Environment and Economy
  - Meet International Climate Change Expectations
  - Improve Quality of Life & Revolutionize Green Living



# Strong Political commitment by the President

(2008, independency day's congratulatory address)

President LEE committed 'Low Carbon Green Growth through green technology and clean energy as the new national vision for the next 60 years'



"Green growth is not a choice, but the only option"



#### Launching of Presidential Committee on Green Growth

established "presidential committee on green growth" as the top-level organization



- ◆ Legal frame: Basic Act on Low Carbon, Green Growth
  - Under review in National Assembly since Feb. 2009



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#### ♦ Vision: "become a global leading Green Country"

Mitigating Climate Change and Increasing Energy Independency

3 Strategies

**Creating New Growth Engine** 

Enriching Quality of Life and Meeting International Expectations

**10 Policy Directions** 

# 10 Policy Directions



#### 1. Effective Reduction of Greenhouse Gases

- Society with Carbon Visibility
- Carbon-3R Society (Reduce-Reuse-Recycle of Carbon)

### 2. Reducing Fossil Fuel Consumption and Strengthening Energy Independency

- High Efficiency & Low-Energy Consumption
- New and Renewable Energy
- Nuclear Energy and Energy Resources Development

#### 3. Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation Abilities

- Climate Change Adaptation
- Water Management



#### 4. Developing Green Technology and Green Industry

- Strategic Expansion of Green Technology
- Efficient Green R&D System

# 5. "Greening" Existing Industries and Fostering New Green Industries

- Resource Circulating Economics and Industry Structures
- "Doing More with Less"
- Green Small-Medium Companies (SMC's) & Green Cluster

#### 6. Development of Low-Carbon Industrial Structure

- Foster High-Tech Fusion Industries
- Foster High-Value-Added Service Industries

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# 7. Establishment of Supportive Systems for Green Economy

- Building Carbon Market and Green Financial Infrastructure
- Reform in Tax System, Energy Welfare & Create Green Jobs

#### 8. Building Green Land and Green Transportation

- Greening of Personal Living Spaces & Expanding Eco-Friendly
   Space
- Constructing Green Buildings & Building Green Transportation System

#### 9. Green Revolution in Daily Lives

- Preparing basis for Green Citizen Cultivation
- Creating 'Green Life'
- Building Green Village and Revitalizing Eco-Sightseeing

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#### 10. Contributing as a Global Role Model of Green Growth

- Cooperation to Realize Global Green Growth
- Green Growth Role-Model
- Support Developing Countries in Green Growth
- Green Hub Korea

#### Green Growth Investment Plans

Estimated that the total of KRW 107 trillion for 5 years



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# Korea is preparing to submit 3rd NC



**♦** As one of the parties of UNFCCC, Korea submitted the 1st and 2nd NC in 1998 and 2002

- We are preparing the NC with the collection of the related information and the in-depth analysis and research
  - The NC will contain information on national inventories and Baseline of GHG, Policy and measures to mitigate GHG, reflecting the reduction target and sectoral strategy that will be announced this year

# What goes around, Comes around



#### **♦** Advertising Poster for an antiwar campaign







# "Low Carbon goes around, Green Growth comes around"

"Have a nice day!"