



Clean Air for smaller cities in ASEAN Region Nakhon Ratchasima city (KORAT)

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Profile of Nakhon Ratchasima

- Nakhon Ratchasima is located on Korat plateau that is the lower part of Northeastern plateau of Thailand.
- Nakhon Ratchasima city is the capital center of Nakhon Ratchasima province.
- The city has population of 173,117 which makes it the third-biggest city in Thailand.



transportation

- Nakhon Ratchasima is connected with the northeastern railway line, connecting Bangkok with Nong Khai and Ubon Ratchathani.
- Thai highway 2 (Mitrapab) passing the city , 256 km from BKK.
- Domestic airport located 20 km.
 From center of City connect to Bangkok , Chiang mai and Phuket.
- Road network are link Korat to central and Eastern region, which the most important for industrial and logistics.





Korat city and vicinity



Area & Population

Profile	City	Province
Area (km ²)	37.5	20,584.16
Population	173,117	2,565,685
Population density(per km²)	4,616	124.6







Air Quality Concern

- Increase of transportation demand in province. New register vehicle
 - year 2000 = 32,561
 - year 2009 = 61,183
- Inadequate Infrastructure supply :- road , traffic sign, parking lot.
- Traffic congestion with high risk traffic accidents
- Traffic noise and air pollution.
- There were complained from citizens about air pollution and odors from traffic , factories, constructions, crematoriums and open burning.





Air Pollution Concerned

- Korat city concerned with air pollution problem and started to cooperat with SUT to monitored PM10 and TPM since 2003.
- PCD had introduced air pollution activities to the city :- Green garage, vehicle and crematorium black smoke inspection.
- Civil Society group was discussed about the environmental problem included air quality and environmental friendly transport in the city.
- Due to the up coming air pollution problem, in 2009 Korat city applied for Clean Air in Smaller cities in ASEAN region Project.





Nakhon Ratchasima Clean Air Activities

- 1. First step: Korat city conducted first meeting and public hearing for Clean Air Project on 9 September 2009.
- 2. Road map for Clean Air Plan was developed and submit to the Mayor since December 2009.
- 3. GTZ expert visited city to study and collected baseline information on emission inventory, public transportation and air quality monitoring.
- 4. Set up technical team to support the Clean Air activities from stakeholder

Stakeholder for Clean Air Promotion :-

1. Provincial Natural Resources and Environment Office.

- 2. Regional Environmental Office 11.
- 3. Suranaree University of Technology.
- 4. Regional Health Office 5.

5. Local Information Center for Development , Nakhon Ratchasima Rachabhat University.





Road Map for Korat Clean Air Plan

- Effective Administrative arrangement:-Stake holder &public participation.
- 2. Vision&Goals workshop.
- 3. Air quality monitoring network.
- Emission Inventory development for point , area and mobile sources
- 5. Review of urban development and public transportation analysis.





Nakhon Ratchasima Clean Air Activities

- Conduct Clean Air Vision workshop on 13 July 2010 by LICD . Output from workshop :- "Korat clean air city by public participation in environment promotion for happy life."
- 2. Development of emission inventory.

- SUT by the department of Environmental health prepare and study for emission inventory.

- 3. Air quality Monitoring
 - PCD moved the old continuous air quality monitoring station to the new site locate at the central of city.
 - Review of air monitoring network by GTZ expert.
- Review of public transportation and urban development by SUT and GTZ expert. – Report and recommendation.









Public transport Opportunities

- City and Land use Planning.
- Road network and transportation planning.
- BRT or other mode of transport :- elevated way bus .



The next activities

- Set up clean air board
- Set up steering committee.
- Presentation of the Clean Air Project activities and plan.
- Conduct the meeting for Goals for clean air plan.
- Emission inventory surveys ,data processing and report.

- Air quality monitoring program :- roadside monitoring.
- Supporting activities :-Public dissemination, Raising public awareness, Public participation,
- Law enforcement.
- Others activities

City's Constraint

Money

- Annual budget allocated.
- Due to the money crisis, last year central government shorted the tax transfer for local government.
- The shortage of investment cost and limited of budget sources.
- City invested in large scale project :- water supply , wastewater&waste treatment.

Man&Management

- Decentralized policy but lack of proper manpower planned.
- Organization not proper to new task.
- Less of technical officials available for environmental management in the city.
- Air pollution are invisible burden that have chronic effect than acute effect to daily life.

Thank you for attention!







