



Vietnam: Wind Delegation Visit, 18-20th September

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The delegation visited the Middelgrunden offshore wind farm 3.5 km outside Copenhagen, where twenty 2 MW windmills produce a guaranteed 89,000 MWh per year. Possessing an abundant amount of hydro and fossil fuel, Vietnam's focus in the energy sector in the past 30 years has not been wind generated energy. Recently, however, Vietnam's National Energy Development Strategy (2011-2020) sets the renewable energy target at 5.6% of total primary energy consumption by 2020 and 9.4% by 2030. An issue raised by several members of the delegation was how existing technology and economic incentives in the leading nations in the field, such as Denmark, can be adapted to work within Vietnam's wind energy sector.

Further information about the transformation of the energy sector in Denmark since the 1970s was presented by Mr. Anders Højgaard Kristensen at the

Danish Energy Agency. He summarized the history of the wind energy sector in Denmark since the oil crisis of 1970'ies when Denmark was struck hard being a major consumer of oil. Please click [here](#) for the full presentation.

After concluding their successful visit in Copenhagen, the delegation travelled by train to Aarhus to visit Vestas, one of the world's leading and most international manufacturers of wind turbines. During the President's visit last week, Vestas signed a partnership agreement with the Vietnamese Refrigeration Electrical Engineering Corporation in Vietnam to develop wind farms in Vietnam.

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