

## **US WILLING TO ASSIST VIETNAM IN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT: US SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY**

The US stands ready to support Vietnam in renewable energy development, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry said at a meeting with Politburo member and head of the Party Central Committee's Economic Commission Tran Tuan Anh in Hanoi on February 23. Vietnam has great potential and advantages in clean and renewable energy development, Kerry said, while speaking highly of the country's policies, orientations and achievements in this sphere.

He affirmed that the US attaches importance to the comprehensive partnership with Vietnam, and expressed his belief that the good relationship will grow further in the time ahead.

For his part, Anh praised Kerry's contributions to the multi-faceted cooperation between Vietnam and the US, thanked the US government and people for their donations of COVID-19 vaccines and medical equipment to Vietnam over the past time.

He appreciated the resolve of President Joe Biden's administration to promote global efforts in climate crisis response. Anh affirmed the Vietnamese Party's and State's determination to adapt to climate change and fulfil international commitments in this regard.

He called on the US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate to make more contributions to planning and implementing US policies on climate change response globally, and in Vietnam in particular./.

**(Source: VNA)**

## **PM ORDERS ESTABLISHMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER**

PM Pham Minh Chinh has tasked the MOIT to join hand with the MONRE and other relevant ministries and agencies to set up a Renewable Energy Center as an effort of Viet Nam in realizing commitments made at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). The center aims to train human resources and promote technology transfer and sharing of legal experience and national governance in renewable energy. Relevant ministries and agencies are responsible for reporting the implementation of strategies and plans on green growth and climate change adaption, including contents on commitments at the COP26. The Ministry of Justice was assigned to coordinate with the MONRE to develop a technical assistance project, proposing the United Kingdom and other development partners to help Viet Nam internalize international commitments on climate change, including ones at the COP26. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Information and Communications was requested to put forward a communications project, consisting of the establishment of information websites on green growth, green energy conversion, digital transformation and climate change. At the COP26 in Glasgow, the UK, on November 3, 2021, PM Pham Minh Chinh announced Viet Nam's net-zero emissions target by 2050, reduction of methane, plan of action on forest and land use. With the commitments, Viet Nam joined nearly 90 countries in the US- and EU-led effort to slash emissions of the potent greenhouse gas methane 30 percent by 2030 from 2020 levels, a pact aimed at tackling one of the main causes of climate change./.

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