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# **Envisioning the next 60 years**

Announcement of a new national vision
 "Low Carbon Green Growth" at the
 60th anniversary of the founding of the
 Republic of Korea on August 15, 2008

# More than just a development strategy

- Changing people's behavior & way of thinking

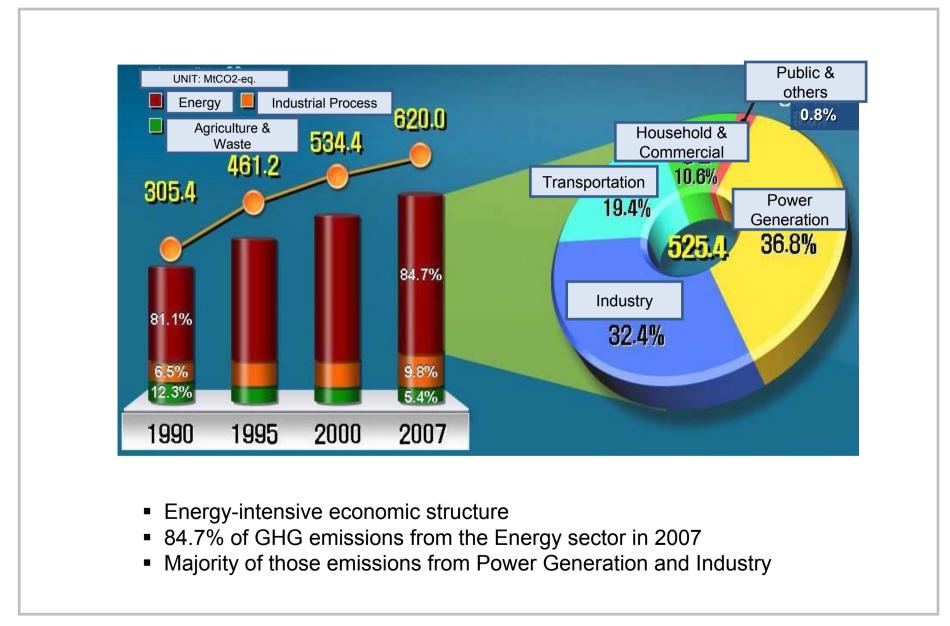


# **Five Year Implementation Plan**

Ten Policy Directions
<ol> <li>Effective mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>Reduction of the use of fossil fuels and the enhancement of energy independence</li> <li>Strengthening the capacity to adapt to climate change</li> </ol>
C Development of group technologies
<ol> <li>Development of green technologies</li> <li>Greening of existing industries and promotion of green industries</li> <li>Advancement of industrial structure</li> <li>Establishing a structural basis for the green economy</li> </ol>
<ol> <li>Greening the land and water, and building the green transportation infrastructure</li> <li>Bringing green revolution in our daily lives</li> <li>Becoming a role model for green growth</li> </ol>



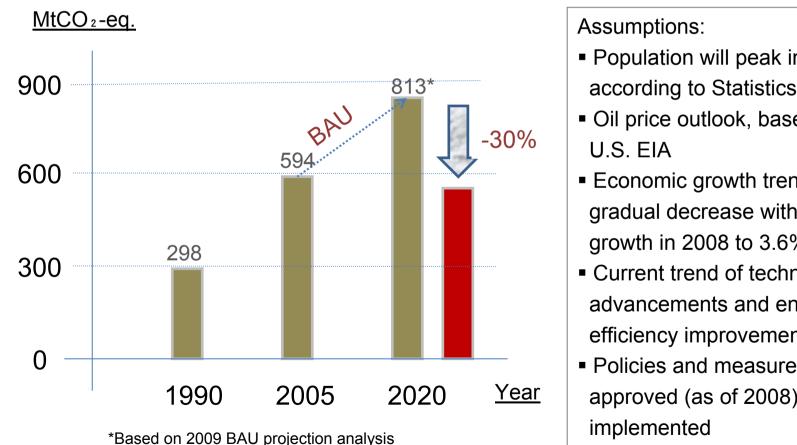




#### **2020 Voluntary Mitigation Goal**



" 30% reduction below Business-As-Usual (BAU) by 2020 " (Dec. 2009 at Copenhagen)



- Population will peak in 2018, according to Statistics Korea
- Oil price outlook, based on 2008
- Economic growth trends reflect gradual decrease with 4.2% growth in 2008 to 3.6% in 2020
- Current trend of technology advancements and energy efficiency improvements continue
- Policies and measures already approved (as of 2008) will be

## Public Hearings



Enhanced Inter-Ministerial Consultations on GHG Reduction Goal

More than 80 Public Hearings with the Public, Industries, and Civil Societies

Before Announcement of 3 Scenarios (2008~Aug. 2009)

#### Inter-Ministerial Meetings

- Vice-Ministers' Meetings
- Briefings to the Ministers and the Prime Minister
- Joint Consultation with Parliament

#### Public Hearings: 30 times

 Consultation with the Industrial Experts on Emission Projection and Mitigation Technology such as Iron and Steel, Petrochemical Industry

#### • After Announcement of 3 Scenarios (Aug.~Nov. 2009)

#### Inter-Ministerial

#### Meetings

- Vice-Ministers' Meetings
- Agenda in Crisis Management Meeting
- High Level Joint Consultation with Parliament

#### Public Hearings: 50 times

- Public Hearings by Presidential Committee for Green Growth
- Consultation Meetings with Industrial Representatives
- Open Forum hosted by National Assembly, Civil Societies

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## Efforts to Support Mitigation Goal



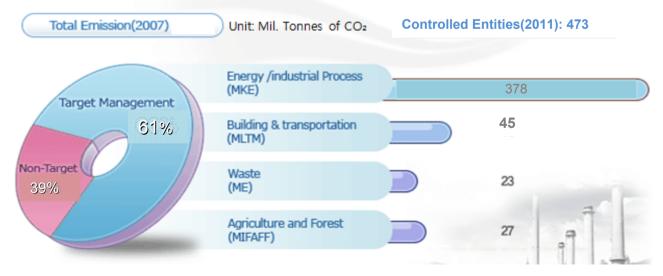


### GHG Emissions & Energy Target Management Scheme



"The target management scheme is to set and implement a target for greenhouse gas emissions reduction for public/private larger emitters "

- Covers about 61% of the total GHG emissions in Korea
- 473 controlled entities in private sector in 2011 & number of target entities will be increased until 2014
- 773 controlled entities in the public sector are also included



## Efforts toward Global Cooperation



Global "hub" of ideas, new technologies and polices for Green Growth



- Announced the launching of GGGI at COP 15 (December 2009)
- Independent institution designed to build practical policy options and support countries in their effort to achieve Green Growth, expected to become an international organization by 2012

#### **Sharing Green Growth Model**

- Paradigm shift towards building a low-carbon society
- Ensuring continued high growth and sustainable development, based on innovative technologies and more sustainable production and consumption and lifestyles