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POWERING ASIA-PACIFIC

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FACTORY WORKERS / GARMENT
FACTORY / AUTO PLANT

Fast-paced. Efficient. And growing. This is the
image of many Asian societies today. (7)

TOP VIEW. OIL RIG / SMOKE STACK
/ TRANSMISSION LINES / CITY,
CARS

But as demand and cost of energy rise, many
wonder if economic growth in the region can be
sustained... and if so, at what price for the
environment? (10)

MAN BOARDING A DELIVERY
TRUCK

Somboon Saenthongcharoen owns a small
business in Thailand, transporting oranges to
the wholesale market just outside the capital,
Bangkok. But with fuel prices rising he's finding
it increasingly difficult to run his business. (14)

ORANGES IN THE MARKET

SOMBOON SAENTHONGCHAROEN:(Thai) M

SOMBOON SAENTHONGCHAROEN
ON CAMERA

*"I am worried because it seems like the prices
are rising non-stop. I could handle it if the prices
went up once a year or even twice a year, but
they keep going up so I am getting really
worried."* (10)

CARS / TRAFFIC
ORANGES / MARKET

NARRATION

Burdened by higher fuel costs – and trapped by snarling traffic and emissions... His situation mirrors that of many countries. (8)

CROWD, MARKET

HYDRO DAM

And with Asia- Pacific poised to become the world's largest consumer of energy in the next 20 years, energy security has become a topic of concern in the entire region. (11)

NOELEEN HEYZER ON CAMERA

NOELEEN HEYZER: (English) **F**

"if we are to have energy security then we need to move away from just a national perspective."
(6)

HEYZER TALKS AT THE PODIUM

NARRATION

Noeleen Heyzer leads the UN's Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific, known as ESCAP. (7)

ESCAP ON SESSION

The commission has been focusing on how to bring governments and the private sector together, with the triple aim of making energy available... affordable...and sustainable. (10)

DELEGATES IN ASSEMBLY

Some skeptics wonder if a common approach can be reached. The Asia-Pacific region includes giants like China and India, but also many smaller countries, and importers as well as exporters of energy. (13.5)

POWER PLANT

Most will agree that energy waste can ,and should be, reduced, says South Korea's point

man on climate change Rae Kwon Chung. (8)

RAE KWON CHUNG ON CAMERA

RAE KWON CHUNG: (English) **M**

“So far many governments and also the private sector are obsessed over increasing the supply and not many are exploring the potential where we can economize and improve efficiency for the consumption of energy.” (13)

ELECTRIC TRAINS IN CHINA

NARRATION

Studies show that measures to improve energy use, like public transport– could bring efficiency gains of 20 to 30% to the region over the next two decades. (10)

UNESCAP DURING SESSION

And many believe that the key lies in attracting entrepreneurs to invest in energy-efficient technology. (6)

WEI HAN ON CAMERA

WEI HAN: (English) **M**

“I see a lot of promise in this. We have an investment company called Green Fortune Investment. We invest in renewable energy and water businesses in China.” (10)

TOP VIEW CHINESE CITY
RURAL WORKERS

NARRATION

But while the fast-growing economies of the region grab most of the headlines, Asia-Pacific is also home to one billion people who have no access to electricity. (11)

MAN CHOPS WOOD / WOMAN

There are also 1.5 billion people in the region

LIGHTS FIREWOOD STOVE

who still use traditional biomass -- like burning wood – for basic necessities like cooking and heating their homes. (11)

WINDMILL / POWER PLANT

Developing sound policies for the future means making sure that they too have access to energy that won't ruin their environment. (8)

NOELEEN HEYZER: (English) **F**

WINDMILL / WOMAN SWITCHES ON
LIGHT / ANIMAL HERDER

"At the end of the day it is about efficiency, it is about wastage, but it is also about new and clean technology. It is also about the need to develop a distributive system that reaches some of the poorest areas in the best possible way so that we don't leave anyone out." (17)

HEYZER ON CAMERA

NARRATION

MAHATMA GANDHI'S BUST
INAUGURATION CEREMONY

It's a message that Mahatma Gandhi –honored with this bust at the UN's offices in Bangkok – would approve. (6.5)

UN LOGO

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