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NAY PYI TAW (June 6-7, 2018) – Determined to close the gap between Myanmar’s increasing energy demand and intended contributions to global climate change, Myanmar’s Ministry of Education Department of Research and Innovation (DRI) jointly with Chinese, non-profit, non-governmental environment organization, Global Environmental Institute (中文: 北京市朝阳区永续全球环境研究所, GEI), is holding a two-day workshop for Burmese officials, experts and civil society organizations, entitled “Workshop on Promoting Energy and Sustainable Development in Myanmar” from June 6 -7 in Myanmar’s capital city, Nay Pyi Taw. This workshop will demystify the process for achieving economic growth without increasing green house gas emissions - the only sustainable way forward for developing countries and all of planet Earth.

Following President Xi Jinping’s encouragement for China to work cooperatively with developed nations and other developing countries for sustainable economic growth, representatives from China will share their experience planning, collaborating, promoting and implementing renewable energy and low-carbon development policies in China and discuss suggestions for Myanmar’s experts. In fact, GEI and DRI have been working together to identify what tools and plans Myanmar needs in order to reach its intended nationally determined contributions (INDC) for climate change while also increasing its electrification rate and maintaining economic growth. Moreover, the workshop will leverage GEI’s 14-year experience working with government officials and experts to conducting low-carbon and sustainable development planning in China as well as Myanmar.

The workshop will include speeches and presentations by experts from the Institute of Science and Development at Chinese Academy of Sciences (CASISD), including Prof. Yi WANG member of the NPC Standing Committee and Vice President of CASISD, as well as esteemed researchers from Guangzhou Institute of Energy Conversion, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Science in Shanxi and GEI.

In addition to discussing what Myanmar can learn from China’s climate change strategy, which enabled the country to peak carbon intensity before its 2020 goal, participants will also hear about low-carbon policy planning in other countries that also face ambitious economic and energy goals, including the U.S.A. as well as countries in ASEAN region and along the Belt and Road, namely, Cambodia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and in Myanmar.

Overall the workshop will facilitate the sharing of Chinese experience to deepen Myanmar’s capacity for conducting renewable energy and low-carbon development by introducing policy making toolkits, conducting technical exchange and explaining how to select pilot projects. It will also build more potential pathways for collaboration between Myanmar and China, other ASEAN Countries and overseas institutions.

Participants of the workshop will represent the Myanmar Government’s Ministry of Education; Ministry of Electricity and Energy; Ministry of Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation; Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation; Ministry of Industry; and Ministry of Planning and Finance, as well as environmentally-focused charitable foundations from the entire ASEAN region Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Switzerland, U.K. and U.S.A.

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ABOUT Global Environmental Institute (中文: 北京市朝阳区永续全球环境研究所, GEI)

Global Environmental Institute (北京市朝阳区永续全球环境研究所, GEI) conducts research, develops tools, and provides support for the sustainable development of China and nearby countries.

Since 2004, GEI has operated as a premier Chinese non-governmental, non-profit, environmental NGO dedicated to manifesting a China that achieves economic development through world-class environmental and social policies. Our work via the GEI method is award-winning and highly recognized: we implement market-based models by executing the three key steps of research, pilot projects, and policy recommendations. Our team has expertise in the most pivotal fields of development, including renewable energy, climate change, community development, ecological conservation, and sustainable overseas investment.

The GEI method is currently present in projects operating across 24 of China's provinces and 10 of China's closest international partners including Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and the United States. In these areas, we have effectively lowered carbon emissions; protected thousands of hectares of land; worked with officials and experts; improved international environmental negotiations; and brightened the livelihoods of villagers for the long-term.

As China continues to domestically progress and expand its international reach, GEI remains committed to the belief that environmental solutions must also address social and economic concerns.

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