



Holland and windmills are inseparable. Wind power has a long history as a renewable energy source in the Netherlands.

Building a green economy

The Netherlands' economy is growing through major green investments

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Amid skyrocketing gas prices around the world, going green is the new black in the Netherlands, and hopefully in Taiwan, as prospects for green energy powering green technologies, creating green houses buildings, cars and jobs seem ever more promising.

"The Netherlands is one the world's largest producers of green energy," said Hans Fortuin, representative at the Netherlands Trade & Investment Office. He added that Taiwan could learn from the Dutch example and build a green economy too.

Last year, the Netherlands and Taiwan signed a memorandum of understanding on R&D and innovation in life sciences, green energy, nanotechnology and more. "And these are all areas where we can cooperate," Fortuin noted.

"Green industry leads to green jobs," he continued. "The paradigm has its merit because the environment concerns the entire humanity."

Although the Netherlands may have



Hans Fortuin, representative at the Netherlands Trade & Investment Office, recommends that Taiwan builds its own green economy.

more at stake since 30 percent of its land is below sea level, it could be just as overwhelmingly easy for Taiwan

to embrace a greener lifestyle. "It is simple and helps the economy," the Dutch representative concluded.

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DAF develops eco-friendly transportation

Choose DAF Trucks in the age of skyrocketing gasoline prices

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DAF Trucks Taiwan (達富重車) boasts Taiwan's best-selling triple-axle tractor of 2011. It is also the first car manufacturer to announce its compliance with the "Five-phase Environmental Legislation" (五期環保法規). DAF's new MX engine, launched last year, boasts a further 3-percent increase in fuel efficiency, helping drivers maximize every drop of gasoline.

In this year's fourth quarter, DAF Trucks Taiwan anticipates the introduction of the LF 55 truck series

as well as LF Hybrid, spearheading the market of gas-electricity hybrid trucks in Taiwan. Wilfred Wang (王文瀚), member of the Executive Board of Formosa Plastics Group (FPG), hopes to see the import of hybrid and purely electric commercial vehicles within the next three years.

Meanwhile, light emitting diodes (LED) produced by Nan Ya Photonics (南亞光電) and lithium iron phosphorous oxide (cathode material) produced by Formosa Energy & Material Technology Co., Ltd. (台塑長園能源科技公司, FEMT) are state-of-the-art products contributing to the cause of

energy efficiency. Nan Ya Photonics anticipates the operation of Taiwan's first fully automated LED production line in the second half of the year. The automated production line will greatly lower production costs to the sweet price of US\$10 for a 7-watt LED bulb (a 40-watt replacement).

The lithium iron phosphorous oxide produced by FEMT is the best cathode material for electric vehicles, and accounts for 25 percent of lithium iron batteries supplied to China. The technology is indispensable to the development of eco-friendly transportation in the 21st century.

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