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CNA – Focus Taiwan (2011/08/22) A group of Taiwanese experts visited Germany from August 14 to 19 on a government-sponsored (NSC) trip to learn about offshore wind energy and build the basis for future cooperation.

Ta-hui LIN, Professor at National Cheng Kung University, led the 23-person delegation of the Cabinet-level National Science Council (NSC) to visit the Fraunhofer Institute for Wind Energy and Energy System Technology.

The delegation met with experts of the Leibniz University of Hannover to discuss opportunities for cooperation. The delegation also visited wind turbine manufacturers and a German government-funded wharf in Cuxhaven, where offshore energy wind farms are located.

LIN said Germany is one of the countries that Taiwan would like to work with in this field. Although Denmark is the wind energy pioneer, Germany now leads its development and wants to cooperate with other countries. LIN added that Taiwan needs to find international partners because such large-scaled implementation will require technology transfers from countries that already have significant wind power operations.

Suang-jing PONG, an NSC official based in Germany, said nearly 99 percent of the energy resources in Taiwan are imported. After the Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan, besides, countries worldwide have started to question the safety of nuclear energy, shifting focus to alternative energy sources. PONG said offshore wind energy could be an important alternative energy source for Taiwan, because the country is surrounded by the sea. The island is frequently exposed to the sun and enjoys a field of strong and steady wind.

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