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Awakening News Network (2010/08/24) Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) Minister Stephen Shu-hung SHEN said on August 24 that Taiwan is now developing the legislation of four integrated carbon reduction bills, including the already implemented Energy Management Act, the Renewable Energy Development Act and the other two pending bills—the Energy Tax Act and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act. Our present task lies in setting the greenhouse gas emission caps and replacing fossil energy with renewable energy.

Economic Daily invited the nobel laureate in economics Elinor OSTROM to Taiwan and to participate at a conference on climate change. OSTROM brought up her “polycentric systems” theory during her speech at the conference on August 24, saying that in stead of waiting for the globally leading characters' solutions, the environmental protection should rather be practiced “locally” with multiple semiautonomous units of governance such as persons, families and communities. For instance, OSTROM appreciated Taiwan's Per Bag Trash Collection Fee Policy and the convenient stores' energy saving smiling labels.

As for the future development of Taiwan's environmental policy, Shu-hung SHEN said in front of OSTROM, to achieve the goal of carbon reduction, Taiwan has designed four new bills, the first of which is the Energy Management Act, by which the government could regulate the energy efficiency (carbon efficiency). And then, the most important act, the Renewable Energy Development Act allows Taiwan to follow the German pattern encouraging the development of renewable energy by practicing measures like Electricity Feed Law. Both of the bills have been implemented.

The other two pending bills are under development now. As for the Energy Tax Act, an energy tax system which could be accepted by the government and populace will be established; as for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act, the government will state clearly the greenhouse gas emission caps and institute a carbon trading mechanism, trying to change the behaviors of the populace with measures such as tax reduction or subsidies.

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