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President-Elect Lai Vows to Push Transition to Net Zero



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On April 22, President-elect Lai made the remarks in a prerecorded video played at the opening session of "the Earth Solutions 2024 Sustainable Design Action Conference" held in Taipei on Earth Day.

Lai said he would push forward with the net zero transformation using

five main strategies.

The following is a summary of Lai's remarks:

First, I will initiate a second energy transition to establish a smart, shared green energy strategy. This will include accelerating the development of renewable energies such as geothermal, hydrogen, biomass, and marine energy to maximize Taiwan's green energy utilization. Additionally, through carbon capture and storage, I will speed up carbon reduction and establish a new structure of energy that is low-carbon, safe, smart, and shared.

Second, I will promote the dual transformation of the digital and green industries. This entails driving industrial development through the dual axes of smart and net-zero technologies. I will establish a Net-Zero Innovation Technology Platform to construct smart energy solutions, promote green manufacturing, and expand the circular economy. I will also establish local green finance, enhance carbon emission disclosure, strengthen sustainable financial services, and accelerate the low-carbon transformation of industries through carbon pricing and market mechanisms.

Third, I will shape a sustainable green lifestyle for net-zero emissions. This will be achieved through zero-waste, low-carbon diets, eco-friendly green fashion, energy-saving green buildings, and a low-carbon transportation network. By replacing purchases with services and through nationwide dialogue and communication, I will implement a low-carbon lifestyle.

Fourth, the government will act as the strongest and most effective supporter of the net-zero transition. Specific actions include establishing an international information advisory group, forming technical service teams for various industries, creating digital service platforms, and regularly publishing guidelines related to net-zero actions to assist industries in their low-carbon transformation and reduce industry impact.

Fifth, and most importantly, I am promoting a "leave no one behind" just transition. In the face of the net-zero transformation, every sector and individual in Taiwan has varying needs. The government must take care of everyone, ensuring that no industry, company, or individual is left behind.

...Let's find new ways of solving old problems, and good ways of solving new problems!

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