

**ECCJ's Deputy Director of Training and Education Department, Mr.Kazuhiko Yoshida was awarded for the Contributions to Energy Conservation In the 33rd Ministers on Energy Meeting of the ASEAN held in Malaysia on 7th Oct. 2015.**

In the 33rd Ministers on Energy Meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on October 7, 2015, Mr. Kazuhiko Yoshida (Deputy Director, International Capacity Building Center for Energy Conservation) of the Energy Conservation Center, Japan (ECCJ) was awarded for his contributions to the promotion of energy conservation activities through energy management in the ASEAN region.

The award is as a result of highly appreciated achievement in the ASEAN-Japan cooperation program in the energy conservation field, which was established in the 2000 between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and ASEAN and has been implemented by ECCJ for 15 years since the same year.

Mr. Yoshida has been leading the cooperation program since 2002, when he joined ECCJ from a steel company. He launched the program ensuring that it would be effective and sustainable for ASEAN, reformed it in response to the achievements and progress actually made, and has worked on stepping it up further. He has also established close networks with energy agencies and institutions in public and private sectors in the 10 ASEAN member states, through the program activities.

In appreciation of his individual contributions described above, along with the achievements by ECCJ, he has become the third awardee from the center and he is the one among eight awardees, including secretary and director general level of officials in the ASEAN region (Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines) and individuals from Japan, Germany, and South Korea.

