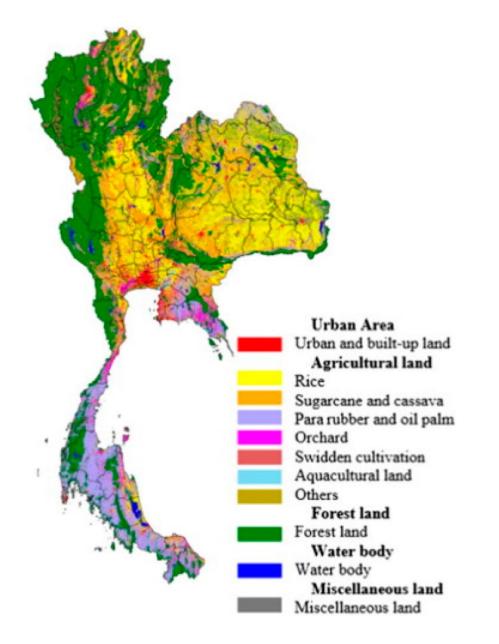
# STATUS AND OUTLOOK OF BIOENERGY IN THAILAND

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#### **Biomass potential**

- Major economic crops include rice, sugarcane, cassava, para rubber and palm
- Considerable amount of biomass generated from agricultural & wood waste
- Mostly used for energy generation, but still some underutilized and potential fastgrowing trees
- In 2017\*

Generation (approx.) = 296 M tons Remaining (approx.) = 160 M tons Top remaining includes rice straw, cane tops & leaves, corn leaves & trunks, palm EFB & frond & trunk, rubber wood root

#### **Bioenergy production and utilization in Thailand**

- For heat & power: mainly by direct combustion in industry (CHP), SPP & VSPP power plants and co-fired with coal in industrial boilers
- For heat & power via anaerobic digestion of organic wastes (wastewater from industry and livestock farm) & lignocellulosic materials (e.g., napier grass)



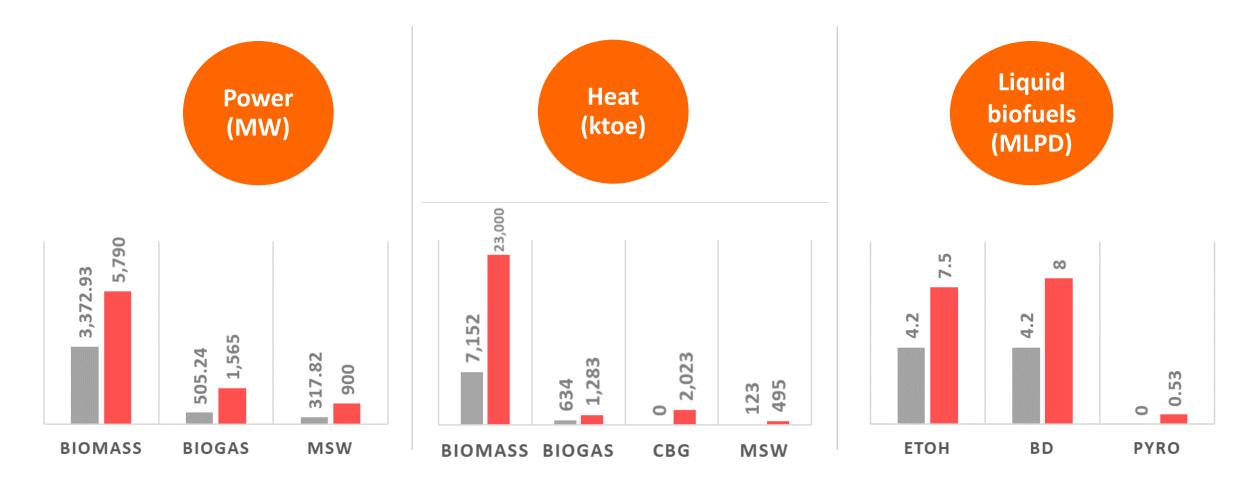


### **Bioenergy production and utilization in Thailand**

- For transport fuels:
  - Bioethanol (mainly from molasse & cassava) and blended with gasoline (mandate E10 and blended up to E85)
  - Biodiesel or B100 (mainly from palm oil) and blended with diesel (mandatory selling B10 but also B7 available)
- Biomass pellets (mainly wood pellets from fast growing trees, rubber wood, wood sawdust with initiatives of agricultural pellet and black pellet)
  - For domestic use selected industries, government promotion for boiler fuel switching
  - $\,\circ\,$  For export white and black pellets



#### **Bioenergy Status and Target**



Installed capacity in 2018

AEDP targets in 2037 (AEDP2018)

#### **Power purchasing price (as of December 2019)**

MW installed	FiT (THB/unit)			Years of	FiT Premium (THB/unit)
	FiT <sub>F</sub>	FiT <sub>v</sub> (1)	FiT	support	Specially allocated zone <sup>(2)</sup>
1) Biomass					
< 3 MW	2.61	2.2382	4.8482	20 years	0.5
≥ 3 MW	2.39	1.8736	4.2636	20 years	0.5
2) Biogas (energy crop)					
Mixed with waste < 25%	2.79	1.9369	4.7269	20 years	0.5

Note:

- FiT rates will be used for projects that COD within 2019. After 2019, FiT<sub>v</sub> rates will continuously increase by core inflation.
- (2) Projects in Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and 4 districts in Songkhla, i.e. Chana, Tepa, Saba Yoi and Nathawee District

#### Sustainable bioenergy

- Bio, Circular, Green Economy (BCG) Model
  - ✓ Sustainable development
  - ✓ Grassroot economy
- New S curve industry
  - ✓ Biofuels & Biochemicals

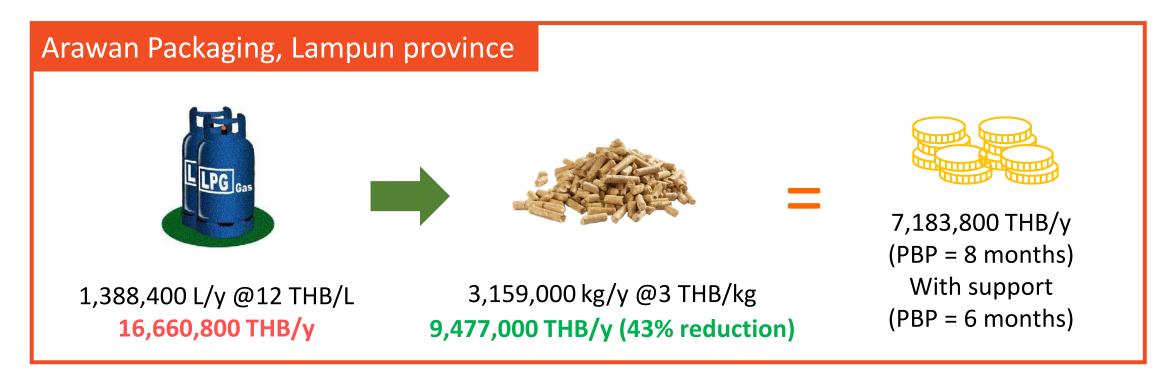


#### Some strategic action plans/ projects

- Fuel switching (burner modification)
- Community based biomass power plant
- Energy from napier grass (CBG to replace NG and cooking gas)
- Reduction of open burning (the case of sugarcane leaves)

#### **Fuel switching (burner modification)**

- Pilot project by DEDE to provide support for burner modification in 100 factories
- Financial support for 30% of investment cost but < 2MB
- Replacing fossil-based fuels (LPG, diesel, HFO) to biomass pellet





#### **Community based biomass power plant**

- Energy policy for the local economy with objective to increase the community's quality of life and build energy security
- Pilot project to procure electricity from communitybased VSPP power plants

75 MW Biomass (≤ 6 MW each) 75 MW Biogas from energy crop with < 25% organic waste (≤ 3MW each)

- Ensured benefits to local community
  - ✓ Using locally available fuels. Participating farmers will get a guaranteed price.
  - ✓ 10% of ownership (shared profit) must be under a community enterprise or community enterprise network.

#### **Energy from napier grass**

- Napier grass: 375 625 tons/ha/year at 45-60 days harvest period
- Options for energy production
  - 1. Electricity to domestic grid
  - 2. Pelletized biomass for exporting (also for other agriwastes)
  - 3. Compressed biogas (CBG) to decentralized station
- Methane yield =  $190 270 \text{ m}^3$  per ton VS for the case of @45 days



#### **Reduction of biomass open burning**

• The case of sugarcane leaves







Burning tops & leaves Manual harvesting Machine harvesting No burning (biomass obtained)

"No burning" policy to reduce PM2.5 Price incentive for unburned cane Increased mix of cane leaves in boilers

Source: https://taibann.com, http://www.tkequip.co.th

## **Future of bioenergy**

- Government promotion on biomass utilization
- Private sector turns to use more and more biomass
- More biomass utilization by various technologies
- Sustainable supply chain needed
- Sustainable bioeconomy

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