



## Opening Remarks

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# ***lites.asia*** Background

- Hong Kong October 2009, representatives from Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, USA and Vietnam met to discuss the potential benefits of regional co-operation on the development of lighting standards.
- Developed a ten point plan which in essence was about:
  - Improving knowledge of standards in force and under development across the region;
  - Increasing participation of regional economies in the IEC standards development process to ensure resulting test methods and performance standards are appropriate to the region;
  - The development of national and regional capacity for compliance in standards and labeling processes.

# *lites.asia* Background

- Between 2009 and 2011 *lites.asia* was supported by US Aid funded ECO-Asia and the Australian Government, as part of the Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (APP).
- From late 2011 the Australian Government has supported *lites.asia* through AusAID Fast Start funding
  - This current funding ends June 2014
- In-kind support has also been received from the many participants in *lites.asia* meetings and projects.

# ***lites.asia*** Background

- Until June 2015, *lites.asia* will continue to be supported as part of the UNEP En.lighten program
- This will be as part of a special focus on capacity building of Monitoring, Verification and Enforcement in Southeast Asia and the Pacific – supported by funding from the Australian Government.
- *lites.asia* will continue to be a forum for regulators and policy makers in the region to communicate and cooperate on lighting energy efficiency.
- Your active engagement is the key to productive outcomes.

# *lites.asia* Background

- 9 Regional *lites.asia* meetings to discuss a wide range of topics related to lighting energy efficiency and quality.
  - Attendance by 20-40 attendees at each meeting (including supported stakeholders).
  - Representatives from over 16 countries have participated in one or more *lites.asia* meetings.
  - Each meeting has enabled participants to share their experiences in working to achieve improved lighting efficiency and quality; learn more about international standards development; and hear from experts on a range of lighting topics.
  - Lighting Industry briefings alongside some *lites.asia* meetings.

# ***lites.asia*** Background

- Increased participation by *lites.asia* countries in IEC TC34 standards development and meetings.
  - Improved understanding of IEC processes
  - Communication of the needs of *lites.asia* countries to TC34
  - Reporting back to *lites.asia* regional meetings and webinars
  - Indonesia and Philippines have become voting members of TC34
  - Supported attendance of *lites.asia* participants.
  - CFL Performance Tiers Technical Specification new work proposal out for go to vote!

# ***lites.asia*** Background

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- *lites.asia* website, including:
  - Country profiles outlining standards and labelling
  - Information on IEC TC34 and other relevant organisations
  - Communications material library
  - Regular newsletters to over 600 contacts
- LED Tropical Performance Specifications
- LED Consumer Guide
- Labelling Compliance Survey (underway)

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# Thank You

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