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**CO-FOUNDER OF 2006 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE-WINNING GRAMEEN BANK AS KEYNOTE AT
INAUGURAL ASIAN YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT**

Mr Dipal Barua of Grameen bank, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006, will be giving the keynote speech at the inaugural Asian Youth Energy Summit - a Summit for Youths by Youths

24 October 2008, Singapore - **Mr Dipal Barua, Deputy Managing Director and Co-founder of 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Grameen Bank, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Inaugural Asian Youth Energy Summit 2008 to be held on the 30th and 31st of October 2008.** Grameen Bank is internationally-renowned for providing microcredit to poor people in the developing countries and for their efforts in promoting renewable energy technologies to empower people living in rural villages. The Asian Youth Energy Summit 2008 (AYES2008) is organized by Energy Carta, and is part of the International Energy Week organised by the Energy Market Authority and Energy Studies Institute.

Mr Dipal Barua is also the driving force in expanding renewable energy technologies in Bangladesh. He is the Founding Managing Director of Grameen Shakti, one of the most successful rural based renewable energy companies in the world. He was awarded the prestigious EUROSOLAR Prize 2006 for his contributions to women education through renewable energy technologies. EUROSOLAR is the European association for renewable energy.

The Keynote Speech will be highlighting Mr Dipal's inspiration behind Grameen Shakti, the potential of Clean Energy in Asia and how it can help communities. Also, he will be talking about the opportunities for youths in this emerging industry.

The Guest of Honour for the Asian Youth Energy Summit 2008 is Mr Teo Ser Luck, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports & the Ministry of Transport. He will be attending the summit on the 31st Oct and will also be opening the AYES Career Fair and Exhibition that is held in conjunction with the summit. The Career Fair and Exhibition will be showcasing the various career and scholarship opportunities that are available for youths as well as research projects in clean energy and energy efficiency.

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The Summit would feature over 30 industry and opinion leaders sharing their expert views in 10 different panels. Mr Ravi Menon, Second Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Industry will also be delivering the closing address at this Summit. Some of the other prominent speakers include:-

- **Ms Claire Chiang**, *former NMP and Senior Vice President at Banyan Tree*
- **Professor Joachim Luther**, *CEO of Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore and former director of Europe's largest solar energy R&D institute Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems*
- **Neil McGregor** - *Managing Director, PowerSeraya*

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ABOUT THE ASIAN YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT

Energy Carta will be having their inaugural Asian Energy Youth Summit at the end of October (30th and 31st). Themed "**Opportunities and Challenges for Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency in Asia**", the **Asian Youth Energy Summit is one of the key events to kick start Singapore's inaugural International Energy Week.**

Singapore will host the first International Energy Week in a few days' time, from 3 to 7 November. The International Energy Week aims to bring together local and international energy policy makers, industry leaders, academics, researchers and energy experts to exchange and catalyse ideas on energy options and strategies for the future.

The Asian Youth Energy Summit is Energy Carta's flagship conference and targets students and young professionals in Singapore and across Asia with interest and knowledge on clean energy. The goal of the Summit is to illustrate the numerous opportunities available in sustainable development and to allow the audience to gain a broad understanding of the technologies, policies and business processes involved in shaping current and future sustainable energy landscapes.

In addition to the conference, there will be a 1 day Career Fair and Exhibition on the 31st of October to highlight the career and scholarship opportunities and ongoing works in the areas of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency.

Sponsors and partner organisations of the Asian Energy Youth Summit include PowerSeraya, Siemens, Sembcorp, SINERGY Centre A*STAR, ST Dynamics, Singapore Airlines, Economic Development Board, Energy Studies Institute, National Environment Agency and Singapore Tourism Board.

More information on the Asian Youth Energy Summit can be found at www.AYES2008.com

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ABOUT ENERGY CARTA

Energy Carta is a Singapore Registered non-profit organization (*ROS Ref. No. 2081/2008*) founded by NUS undergraduates from the NUS Overseas Colleges programme. While on this year-long programme, they had interned with high-tech startups in leading entrepreneurial hubs in the United States, Sweden and China and India.

Energy Carta is also the Singapore affiliate of Energy Crossroads Global, a global movement that is driven by a passion for clean technology, sustainable development, and the environment. Energy Crossroads has chapters in Stanford University – United States, Denmark and NUS –Singapore. Energy Carta focuses on countries in the Asia and comprised university students with diverse talents from different countries and backgrounds.

As young leaders and stakeholders of tomorrow, they are dedicated to bringing in policy makers, investors, technologists and business experts to discuss challenges, share insights, create solutions, and nurture and educate a sustainable energy community in Asia.

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