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The six countries of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate met in Berkeley, California, April 19-21, 2006, to further develop the ambitious, results-oriented action plans for the eight task forces of this new model for public-private collaboration. Over 300 government and private sector representatives from the partner nations of Australia, China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the United States explored new avenues to meet national pollution reduction, energy security and climate change goals in ways that reduce poverty and promote economic development.

To underscore the importance of this U.S. Presidential initiative, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Dr. Paula Dobriansky and Chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality James Connaughton hosted the conference, which also drew on the support and expertise of one of the country's most important centers of energy research and development, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

The Berkeley meeting provided the first opportunity for task force members to discuss the steps to be taken in the implementation of the Work Plan approved at the January 2006 inaugural Ministerial meeting in Sydney, Australia. The Partners will now complete the action plans and rapidly implement cooperative activities involving deployment of clean technology in partner countries in eight areas: cleaner fossil energy, renewable energy and distributed generation, power generation and transmission, steel, aluminum, cement, coal mining, and buildings and appliances.

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