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ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK SEES CONTINUED GROWTH OF HYDROPOWER IN ASIA FOR DECADES

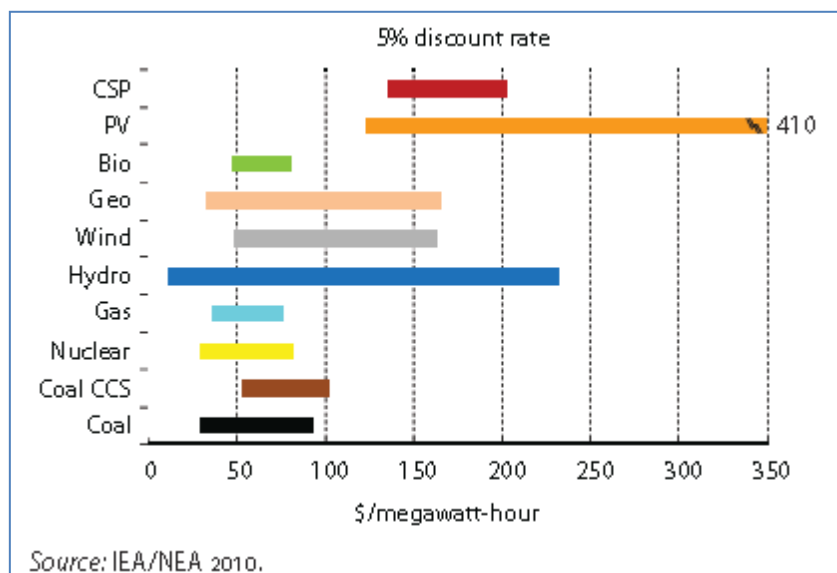
The Asia Development Bank has released a major report which highlights the important role of hydropower in meeting Asia's energy needs for decades to come.

The report, 'Asian Development: Outlook 2013. Asia's Energy Challenge' examines the various facets of Asia's energy demand and supply to assess the reliability, sustainability, and affordability of energy options needed to fuel the forecast dramatic economic expansion. The report confirms that hydroelectric power generation is the most cost-competitive and reliable of the renewable power generation options - competitive even with conventional fossil-fuel generation – yet without the detrimental emissions.

Hydropower remains the most abundant operational renewable energy source, and the growth rate in the development of it's resource potential in Asia is projected to be sustained out to 2035.

The report forecasts that, while renewable energy will increase by 50% to 2035, hydroelectric capacity will quadruple.

Levelised Cost of Electricity Production, Various Sources



Already, 542 gigawatts (GW) of hydropower capacity are installed or under construction in Asia, with potential to quadruple it to 2,204 GW.

Waratah Power is currently working in Australia, Laos, and Indonesia.

The full report can be found here:

<http://www.adb.org/publications/asian-development-outlook-2013-asias-energy-challenge>

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