

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

*Building Resilient Futures Through
Community-Driven Climate Action*

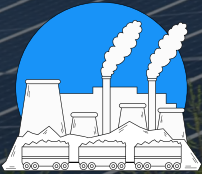


**PEOPLE OF ASIA FOR
CLIMATE SOLUTIONS**

ABOUT PACS

People of Asia for Climate Solutions (PACS) is dedicated to advancing climate justice and sustainable and responsible energy transitions across Asia, with empowered communities, effective policies, and innovative solutions.

PACS delivers **three main programs** in line with its focus on climate solutions: **A Coal-Free Future**, **Belt and Road Initiative Directed to Green Energy (BRIDGE)**, and **Climate Actions**.



A Coal-Free Future focuses on the decarbonization of major coal producer provinces such as Shanxi in China and East Kalimantan and South Sumatra in Indonesia. Since the program's launch in 2023, PACS has brought researchers, NGOs, and policy makers from these provinces to share experiences and to form partnerships towards clean energy.



Through the **BRIDGE** program, PACS aims to drive China's international energy investments to become greener. BRIDGE shares data-driven climate analyses and evidence-based publications, reports, and testimonials to communities and decision-makers to encourage them to support the shift to renewable energy.



The **Climate Actions** program tells stories of individual climate heroes to build inspiring people-focused climate narratives. Ten years after Typhoon Haiyan, a young student from the Philippines is studying renewable energy engineering in China, and a farmer from a small village in coal-heavy Shanxi Province is using solar to power his tractor, farming equipment, and home. We continue to build more narratives like this today.

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In the Chinese calendar, 2024 was the Year of the Wood Dragon—representing growth through adversity (wood) and power through ambition (dragon). As the Executive Director of People of Asia for Climate Solutions (PACS), I am proud to say that we have embodied the spirit of the Wood Dragon. We planted seeds, supported seedlings, cared for saplings, and guarded trees. These are the three programs that PACS nurtured in 2024.

The first, our Coal-Free Future program, was a young bamboo that poked through the hard coal industry in China and Indonesia. Second, the Belt and Road Initiative Directed Towards Green Energy (BRIDGE), was a narra tree whose far-reaching branches and deep roots mirrored our distributed renewable energy efforts. The last, Climate Actions led by our Future Renewable Energy Engineer (FREE) students, was a young fire tree that raised its bright red flowers high to inspire more to follow.

As global temperature rise edges closer to the 1.5°C threshold, a swift transition to clean, affordable, and accessible energy has never been more urgent. In March 2024, we called for “small and beautiful” renewable energy projects to be the focus of China’s overseas energy investment under the Belt and Road Initiative..

We continued to track China’s implementation of its commitment to halt new coal plants overseas and acknowledged that the cancellation of 41 planned coal power projects prevented 4.5 billion tons of carbon emissions. However, we noted loopholes, particularly in Indonesia, where Chinese companies continue to build coal plants.

Coal persisted in 2024, with China and Indonesia setting new records for production and consumption. At our 2nd Coal-Free Future Forum, energy policymakers, coal industries, and renewable energy leaders from China and Indonesia came together to discuss the transition. As one Indonesian delegate observed: “Even the coal industry is trying to get out of coal.” This is the message we want both governments to hear: Transition is the only option.

In late 2024, six typhoons ravaged the Philippines, underscoring the urgency of climate action. Thousands of kilometers away, 28 Filipino students in Gansu Province, China, watched the destruction unfold. As one student said, "This is why we are here—to find solutions."

As PACS turns five, we've grown from a two-person team to a 15-member staff with offices in Manila and Taiyuan. On Jan 1, 2025, we launched www.newenergyera.com to provide reliable energy information. Each day, we continue to connect knowledge, technology, investment, and dialogue for a cleaner, safer future.

As China and the Philippines celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations this year, we are building a bridge of renewable energy solutions. In the coming years, PACS will expand our work to Africa and the Americas, helping coal-impacted and climate-impacted communities transition to a sustainable future.

We are planting seeds, nurturing trees, and building a forest of people-led, solution-oriented climate action. Thank you for helping us in this movement. Together, we are not just imagining a future—we are creating one where energy powers progress.

Sincerely,
Xiaojun (Tom) Wang



DELIVERING SOLUTIONS TO AND THROUGH THE PEOPLE

Guided by the belief that small yet beautiful solutions can spark transformative change, PACS and partner communities achieved significant milestones in education, innovation, and collaboration towards meaningful climate action.



2024

MARCH

HAINAN WORKSHOP: SPOTLIGHTING SMALL YET BEAUTIFUL SOLUTIONS

PACS hosted the Hainan Workshop, a pivotal forum that championed the “small yet beautiful” (小而美 / Xiao Er Mei) concept for renewable energy projects. The workshop brought together diverse stakeholders, including five leading Chinese renewable energy companies and 13 NGOs from China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. Discussions emphasized the adoption of people-centered and community-based approaches tailored to the unique energy needs of developing countries.

As part of the workshop, PACS launched the **Transition Towards Green and Low-Carbon Energy 2024 report** on March 27 in Hainan, China.

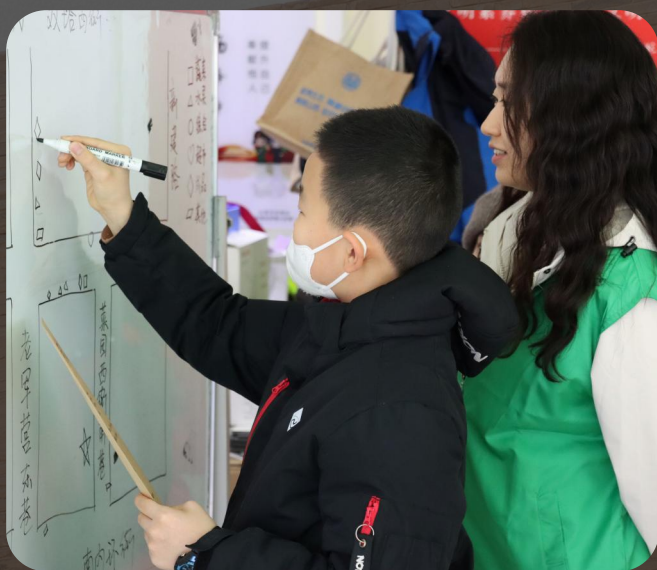


Indonesia consists of numerous islands, and its power grid system is underdeveloped. Small and efficient distributed photovoltaic systems are a climate solution to address electricity challenges.

Beyrra Triasdian
Renewable Energy Manager, Trend Asia

The report reviews and celebrates China’s progress in overseas renewable energy investments, following the 2021 commitment to “step up support for green and low-carbon energy development in developing countries.”

Among the solutions highlighted were distributed photovoltaic systems that address energy access challenges, particularly in remote and underserved areas such as island nations.



LOW-CARBON CUISINE: HEALTHY FOOD FOR HEALTHY PLANET

The World Environment Day: PACS collaborated with the Shanxi Department of Ecology and Environment in a public event to promote low-carbon lifestyles. We launched our Low-Carbon Shanxi Cuisine to introduce how locally developed recipes with locally sourced ingredients can be flavorful and healthy, while being green for the planet!

JUNE

PACS hosted the **2nd Coal-Free Future Forum** in Shanxi, marking a key milestone in fostering international dialogue on just energy transitions. The 2024 event, built on the success of the inaugural 2022 forum, further connected coal-producing regions to share strategies and insights for cleaner energy transition.

Twelve representatives from Indonesia, including NGOs, researchers, and provincial energy agencies from East Kalimantan and South Sumatra participated. Over the course of a week, they joined field visits to coal and energy companies, as well as renewable energy developers and practitioners in Shanxi. The visits provided valuable opportunities for knowledge exchange and firsthand observation of renewable energy initiatives and ongoing transition efforts in one of China's largest coal-producing provinces. At the end, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed to continue exchanges and deepen collaboration between Indonesia and Shanxi.

JULY

STRENGTHENING INDONESIA-CHINA COLLABORATION ON ENERGY TRANSITION



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I didn't know much about Shanxi's energy transition beyond its reliance on coal. But now I've learned more: Shanxi is the largest coal producer in the world, and most of its coal is transported and used in other provinces across China. I feel a responsibility to contribute to my hometown's energy transition and live a low-carbon lifestyle.

Sun Jie

Student, Jinzhong College of Information



**INSPIRING YOUTH
THROUGH
MEANINGFUL
CONVERSATIONS**

PACS engaged students from over 10 universities in climate-focused debate competitions and campaigns promoting low-carbon lifestyles. The activity was a platform for young leaders to explore critical climate issues, sharpen their advocacy skills, and commit to sustainable practices. Several topics were addressed during the debates, including the role of low-carbon diets, renewable energy adoption, and strategies for reducing individual and collective carbon footprints, inspiring the next generation of changemakers to lead by example in the fight against climate change.

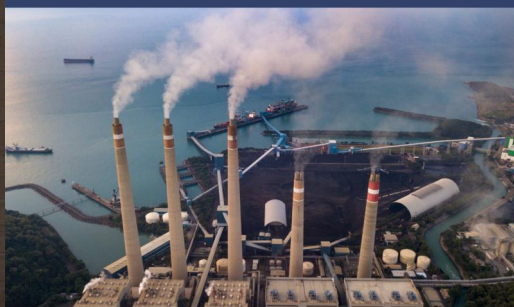
SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

THREE YEARS LATER: IMPACTS OF CHINA'S OVERSEAS COAL POWER BAN

Daniel Nesan

October 2024



CREA
Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air

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EVALUATING CHINA'S PROGRESS ON COAL PLEDGES

In collaboration with the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA), PACS released the Third Assessment Report on China's Progress in Halting Overseas Coal Power Development. The report evaluates China's efforts in fulfilling its UN General Assembly pledge to halt the development of coal power projects abroad and transition to supporting green and low-carbon energy solutions. The report outlines actionable recommendations to ensure sustained progress, including "to expand the overseas coal ban to include captive energy projects, which fall into a grey area of the ban whilst representing some of the largest continued expansions of coal power."



Two batches of **Future Renewable Energy Engineers (FREEdom)** students from the Philippines welcomed a special guest, H.E. Ambassador Jaime FlorCruz, at Jiuquan Vocational Technical College (JVTC), a key partner of PACS and one of China's leading institutions for renewable energy vocational training. "Learn everything in China; make Chinese friends; and build the Philippines with renewable energy," said Ambassador FlorCruz.

EMPOWERING A NEW GENERATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY LEADERS

OCTOBER

2025

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The Philippines is currently experiencing a shortage of renewable energy talent. In the future, we plan to recruit approximately 60% of our local employees from the Philippines to foster technical cooperation and knowledge sharing in renewable energy. Programs like these study-abroad initiatives will be highly beneficial.

Jin Hui
Recruitment Manager, Goldwind International



PACS continues to grow as an organization as it works towards climate goals and expands impact. In 2024, we brought in new members who share our mission, including our first female board member.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



AILEEN CAMILLE "AC" B. DIMATATAC, Board Member

Aileen Camille B. Dimatatac is a skilled communication strategist and visual storyteller with extensive experience in media strategy for NGOs. She has worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 350 Pilipinas, and Greenpeace Philippines, excelling in media event organization and multimedia production.



PROF. OSCAR S. GABRIEL, JR., Board Member

Prof. Oscar S. Gabriel, Jr. is a distinguished educator, nurse, and climate advocate with a rich legacy of 24 years in academia. In his current role as the Organizational Development Director at People of Asia for Climate Solutions (PACS), Dr. Gabriel leads transformative initiatives addressing climate change and empowering individuals to pursue studies abroad, contributing to global environmental efforts.

With current board members:



**CESAR CARLITO
"CHUCK" REYES
BACLAGON**
Board Member



**RENATO
REDECTOR "RED"
CONSTANTINO**
Board Member



**TOM XIAOJUN
WANG**
Executive Director

TEAM EXPANSION

New members also joined us in China and the Philippines.



BAI JUAN
Climate Change
Program Officer



XUE TIAN
Climate Change
Program Officer



YANG XINBO
Climate Change
Program Officer



YIN YUYING
Climate Change
Program Officer



ZHAO PEI
Climate Change
Program Officer



SUN YIBO
Communications
Manager



ZHANG WEI
Strategic
Communications
Officer



LIU YIFAN
Strategic
Communications
Officer



CHEN YAN
Strategic
Communications
Officer



LEOVY RAMIREZ
Strategic
Communications
Officer



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Organizational
Support Officer



DU JIE
Shanxi Office
Operation
Manager



**OSCAR
GABRIEL, JR.**
Organizational
Development
Director

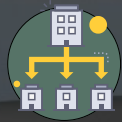


TOM WANG
Executive
Director

OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

On January 7, 2025, PACS celebrated five transformative years of advancing climate solutions and working with communities to lead the way toward a sustainable, coal-free future.

OFFICES IN CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINES



From a 2-person team, PACS has grown into a dynamic organization with 15 members across offices in **China** and the **Philippines**, including campaigners, organizational support staff, and leadership.

BY THE NUMBERS



7 BOOKS AND REPORTS PUBLISHED

6 FIELD TRIPS TO CHINA ORGANIZED WITH OVER 50 NGOS



COAL-FREE FUTURE



BRIDGE



CLIMATE ACTIONS

PROGRAM EXPANSION: FROM A SINGLE FOCUS TO THREE MAIN AREAS

Over the past five years, PACS has grown from featuring stories of community climate action through its book, **BELT AND ROAD THROUGH MY VILLAGE**, to driving three major programs that address global energy and climate challenges.

24+

CHINESE COMPANIES JOINING RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES

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STUDENTS TRAINED TO BECOME RENEWABLE ENERGY ENGINEERS



ENERGY **NEWSWIRE** WEBSITE LAUNCHED

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

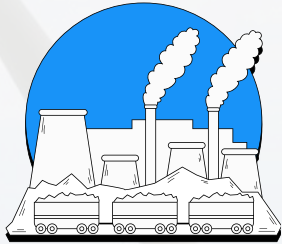
The table below shows the expenses and revenues of PACS for the 2024 fiscal year.

RECEIPTS	2024	2023
Grants	40,154,764.00	20,043,813.00
Total Receipts	40,154,764.00	20,043,813.00

EXPENSES	2024	2023
Project Cost	27,527,643.00	7,799,475.00
Salaries and Wages	1,275,625.00	3,480,000.00
Travel and Accommodation	3,593,305.00	2,280,264.00
Trainings, Seminars, Meetings and Representation	516,289.00	355,065.00
Taxes and Social Systems	108,119.00	10,002.00
Fund Premium, Association Dues	182,135.00	49,849.00
Legal and Professional Fees	472,983.00	666,600.00
Rent and Utilities Expensed	71,864.00	194,981.00
Internet and Communication, Dues and Subscription	353,585.00	153,418.00
Misc Expense	507,128.00	235,103.00
Insurance	83,663.00	15,035.00
Total Expenses	34,692,339.00	15,239,792.00
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	5,462,425.00	4,804,021.00

Note: Financial report is reported in Philippine pesos (PHP). 1 PHP = 0.017 USD

To advance our goals this 2025, we have outlined plans and projects that we will implement under our three main programs.



A COAL-FREE FUTURE

We plan to engage heavy industries in China such as the steel sector to move away from coal reliance. We also plan to further build and expand a Coal-Free Future Coalition with civil society groups from China, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Australia, and other coal-heavy countries. Our work will also include research and public surveys, litigation, and forums.



BRIDGE: GREEN ENERGY AND COLLABORATION

To help accelerate the shift to renewable energy in Southeast Asia, we will drive deeper collaborations among the Chinese renewable energy industry, local government units, and entrepreneurs in SEA, to build duplicable projects of real green energy investments by China. The projects will introduce and promote renewable energy solutions to communities and decision-makers, and renewable energy business models to business leaders. We will also assess the progress on China's commitment to ban coal plants.



CLIMATE ACTIONS

We will continue to amplify communities' narratives and their contribution towards the renewable energy transition by expanding the student exchange and education programs we have successfully implemented in the past. We will also facilitate media workshops and events tackling climate and industry innovations to foster awareness and discourse. Finally, we plan to continue our strategic communications through tight collaboration with Chinese mainstream media.

FUTURE PLANS: OFFICE EXPANSION



PACS looks to set up new offices in Africa and the US in 2025, as we hope to strengthen alliances towards a fast and just energy transition.

PACS' activities and programs are facilitated according to high standards. Our team members are dedicated to providing the participants an educational and meaningful experience. The following testimonials reflect our team members' insights into such activities.



Zhao Pei, PACS team member
on *Strengthening Indonesia-China
Collaboration on Energy Transition*

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The dialogue between coal-reliant regions in China and Indonesia is truly meaningful. Despite our differences in political, economic, and industrial contexts, as well as our varying stages of energy transition, we face similar challenges in phasing out coal. This exchange encourages us to explore what we can learn from each other, from policy frameworks, economic diversification to just energy transition partnerships.

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Yin Yuying, PACS team member,
on *Inspiring Youth Through
Meaningful Conversation*

After an intense competition period and countless sleepless nights of preparation, young people in Shanxi were immersed in the concept of a "low-carbon future" within a short span of time. They acquired knowledge, inspired new ways of thinking, and envisioned pathways forward. Through the debate competition, we fostered honest and impactful dialogues, offering the Shanxi government and the public an opportunity to witness exceptional critical thinking. Through language and thought, we conveyed the urgency of the climate crisis to society and laid a more solid foundation for public efforts in everyday life.



Together with our partners, supporters, and communities, we have built a foundation for progress that prioritizes people, respects the planet, and inspires hope. Here are insights from our scholars on how our 2025 efforts have added value and meaning to their lives:



Clint Bacayo, PACS scholar



I dream of a future characterized by equality and peace, driven by my desire to address ecological issues. My goal is to leave a legacy of significant environmental contributions. To my younger self, I would advise to persist in pursuing passions despite detractors. The PACS-JVTC program, discovered through my teachers and encouraged by friends, has been a pivotal opportunity, reinforcing my commitment to creating meaningful change.



Samantha Domine, PACS scholar

For me, being a PACS-JVTC scholar is more than just an academic opportunity—it is a testament to my resilience, a symbol of hope, and a reminder that no matter how difficult life may be, there is always a reason to keep pushing forward. As I look to the future, I am determined to make the most of this opportunity, to excel in my studies, and to create a legacy that will inspire others to overcome their own struggles and achieve their dreams.



There is still much to be done. The path to a coal-free, sustainable future requires collective commitment, innovative thinking, and resources to turn aspirations into impactful actions.

Let's create a future where renewable energy is the driving force of progress, and where every action brings us closer to a greener, more equitable world.

To learn more about supporting our work, visit us at:



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