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Summary from the Conference on “The Bio-Diesel Development Model in Taiwan”:

In co-operation with *Economic Daily News*, CTCI Foundation had invited 10 renown specialist and scholars to the conference of “The Bio-Diesel Development Model in Taiwan” to offer advices on multi-dimensional analysis of the supply chain of bio-diesel on July 13, 2006. Opinions from environmental and economic aspects were reorganized into several suggestions for the government:

1. Sources of bio-diesel shall be diversified

It is recommended that during the initial stage, material sources which are used to produce bio-diesel could include waste edible oil and self-produced energy crop. As well, an increase of energy crop or import of bio-diesel can be considered in the near future.

The proportion of the sources can be adjusted as Taiwan’s competitiveness increases in due time.

2. Related legislation to be passed shall be treated as top priority

Legislations with regards to bio-diesel production, import, and reward subsidy shall be treated as top priority so as to pass and take immediate legal effect.

3. Evaluation on the impact the promotion of bio-diesel has on the environment

The promotion of related policies shall take into consideration the demands for related resources such as land, water, energy, fertilizer, and pesticide and implications the usage of these resources has on the environment.

4. Re-evaluation of possible planting locations of energy crop

Considering the areas of dumpster and polluted lands are relative large, closed-off, and without maintenance, the reuse fee will be very high. In such case, it would be a useful project to plant energy crop; it is strongly recommended that the Council of Agriculture takes on experimental planting, and evaluate its practicality. If the result should turn out with success, it will be a win-win strategy.