

G20 ENERGY TRANSITIONS WORKING GROUP DELIBERATIONS CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY WITH SHARED VIEWS AND CONSENSUS ON PRIORITY AREAS

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On the side-lines, India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council (IMT-GT JBC), Malaysia to further promote the adoption of energy efficiency and sustainable practices in the region. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power, signed the (MoU) with the IMT-GT JBC Malaysia coinciding with the India Energy Week celebrations.

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