

# **Planning for Sustainable Development and Energy Policies: Actions by Taiwanese Local Governments**

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## **Abstract**

Taiwan is a country with a limited land mass, a dense population, a shortage of natural resources, frequent natural disasters, and a unique international political status. Conducted in 2010, this study describes and assesses what local governments in Taiwan are doing regarding a range of issues related to sustainable development and climate change. Surveys were sent to the chief administrative officers in Taiwan's twenty five cities and asked about the policies they have adopted related to energy efficiency and green buildings, energy facilities and zoning requirements, the utilization of alternative energy sources in their cities, land use policies related to growth and energy issues, and incentives for promoting energy reduction and conservation. Information on the planning process used was also acquired. About a third of the cities have policies related to sustainable development in place, the study describes the practices used while noting that early adopters are still working out implementation processes for some policies.