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The South Asia Renewable Energy Programme (SAREP) is a joint initiative of the Commonwealth Science Council, UK, the Applied Physics Division, School of Science & Mathematics, Sheffield Hallam University, UK, the British Council and in-country counterparts to promote and accelerate the use of renewable energy technologies.

Aims:

- To train young scientists in renewable technology areas through Masters & PhD programmes.
- To enhance the awareness of renewables among entrepreneurs, policy makers and the general public.
- To facilitate entrepreneurs in Asia to develop trade & investment relations with partners in other parts of the world including Europe, Japan, Canada and the US.
- To start CARES (Centres for Applications of Renewable Energy Sources) centres as demonstration projects in rural areas needing development (alleviation of poverty).

Latest Activity:

The latest SAREP activity was the contribution to a "Trade & Investment Seminar" held at the House of Lords, London on 22 May 2000. The event was organised by Mr. Ahmed Joarder (Investment Minister) and chaired by Baroness Uddin. The High Commissioner for Bangladesh, Honourable Minister and executive chairman, Board of Investment, Bangladesh and the DG from Bangladesh Prime Minister's office were present. There were over 10 presentations from different Companies who were interested in developing trade links with Bangladesh. The event was attended by over 80 participants including senior politicians, industrialists and other invited guests.

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SAREP Diary:

1. Renewable Energy Seminar, Bangladesh High Commission, March 1999.
2. Workshop on Renewable Energy Sources, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Feb. 2000.
3. Int. Nat. Lecture on "Clean Energy of the Future", Sheffield Hallam University, March 2000.
4. Trade & Investment Seminar, House of Lords, London, May 2000.
5. Semiconductor Forum & PV Applications, Fes, Morocco, June 2000.
6. Meeting at the CSC, Marlborough House, London, Date to be arranged.
7. BC sponsored series of lectures in Sri Lanka & Maldives, September 2000.
8. Renewable Energy WS & Lecture Series, Bangladesh, October 2000.
9. Publication of the "Renewable Energy Hand Book", End of 2001.

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