



*The Effect of Carbon Tax on  
CO<sub>2</sub> Emission and the  
Economy of Taiwan  
- An Application of DGEMT  
Model*

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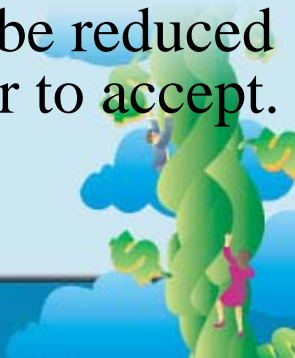
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# 1、 Abstract

The objective of this paper is to simulate the impact of carbon tax on CO<sub>2</sub> emission and the economy of Taiwan. The simulation model employed is the Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Taiwan ( DGEMT ) , which was developed by Liang and Jorganson ( 2003 ) .



The conclusion of this paper is as follows : Relying on a carbon tax to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emission by as much as 25.8 percent will have a significant effect on economic growth, the inflation rate as well as the marginal social abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, if a one-step approach is adopted. The economic growth will decrease 1.57 percent and the inflation rate increase 2.26 percent in 1999. In the meantime the marginal social abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emission will be as high as NT 2,626 per ton. However, implementing a progressive carbon tax will lessen the negative effect on the economy. For instance, the average social abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emission ( at present value ) is estimated as N.T 1442/ton during 1999-2020 in the case of “progressive” carbon tax. It is 17.0 percent lower than that of “one-step” approach. And hence, the “progressive” carbon tax is suggested. Moreover, if the tax revenue can be used to reduce distortionary taxes, such as income tax, as well as the burden of enterprises on employee’s retirement and social welfare, the impact of the carbon tax on the economy will be reduced and economically and politically plausible for the tax payer to accept.



## 2、 Introduction

Since February 16, 2005, the Kyoto protocol has been valid. Although Taiwan is not a member of ICPP, Taiwan has to respond to the Kyoto protocol actively, because if trade retaliation happened, the impact on Taiwan's economy will be enormously. Taiwan's degree of trade dependency ( Sum of exports and imports / GDP ) is very high. It was 105% in 2003.



However, by 2003 CO<sub>2</sub> emission for the economy as a whole had increased from 189.56 million ton in 1996 to 267.22 million ton, which is a 40.1 percent increase or 5.14 percent per annum during 1996-2003. It is noted that although the average GDP growth rate declined from 5.69 percent during 1996-1999 to 2.63 percent during 1999-2003 (See Table 1, col. 2), CO<sub>2</sub> growth rate increased from 5.04 percent per annum to 5.24 percent per annum during 1999-2003 (See Table 1, col.1). As a result, the income elasticity of CO<sub>2</sub> emission jumped from 0.88 during 1996-1999 to 2.00 during 1999-2003 (see Table 1, col. 3).



# Table 1 CO<sub>2</sub> and GDP Growth in Taiwan, 1996-2003

item	(1) CO <sub>2</sub>		(2) GDP		(3)=(1)/(2) CO <sub>2</sub> /GDP	
	quantity	growth rate	quantity	growth rate	quantity	Income Elasticity
	thousand metric ton	%	million NT \$	%	metric ton / thousand NT \$	
1996	189,557	5.66	7,678,126	6.10	0.0247	0.93
1997	203,436	7.32	8,190,783	6.68	0.0248	1.10
1998	216,086	6.22	8,565,134	4.57	0.0252	1.36
1999	218,132	0.95	9,029,704	5.42	0.0242	0.18
2000	238,936	9.54	9,558,698	5.86	0.0250	1.63
2001	246,557	3.19	9,349,923	-2.18	0.0264	-1.46
2002	261,723	6.15	9,685,551	3.59	0.0270	1.71
2003	267,220	2.10	9,999,787	3.24	0.0268	0.65
<b>1996 - 1999</b>		<b>5.04</b>		<b>5.69</b>		<b>0.88</b>
<b>1999 - 2003</b>		<b>5.24</b>		<b>2.63</b>		<b>2.00</b>

The causes of acceleration in CO<sub>2</sub> growth during 1996-2003 could be attributed to (1) the decline in energy efficiency; and (2) the energy structure changes.

The energy efficiency, in terms of energy productivity was stable at the level of 106 (NTD/LOE) during 1996-1999. However, it decreased from 106.03 (NTD/LOE) in 1999 to 96.65 in 2003, an 8.85 percent decline or a 2.21 percent per annum decrease during 1999-2003. In contrast, the energy efficiency, in terms of energy intensity was also stable at the level of 9.4 (LOE/Thousand NT\$). However it increased from 9.43 (LOE/Thousand NT\$) in 1999 to 10.35 (LOE/Thousand NT\$) in 2003, a 9.76 percent increase (See Table 2). The greater the energy intensity, the smaller the energy efficiency.



**Table 2 Changes of Energy Efficiency in Taiwan  
1996 – 2003**

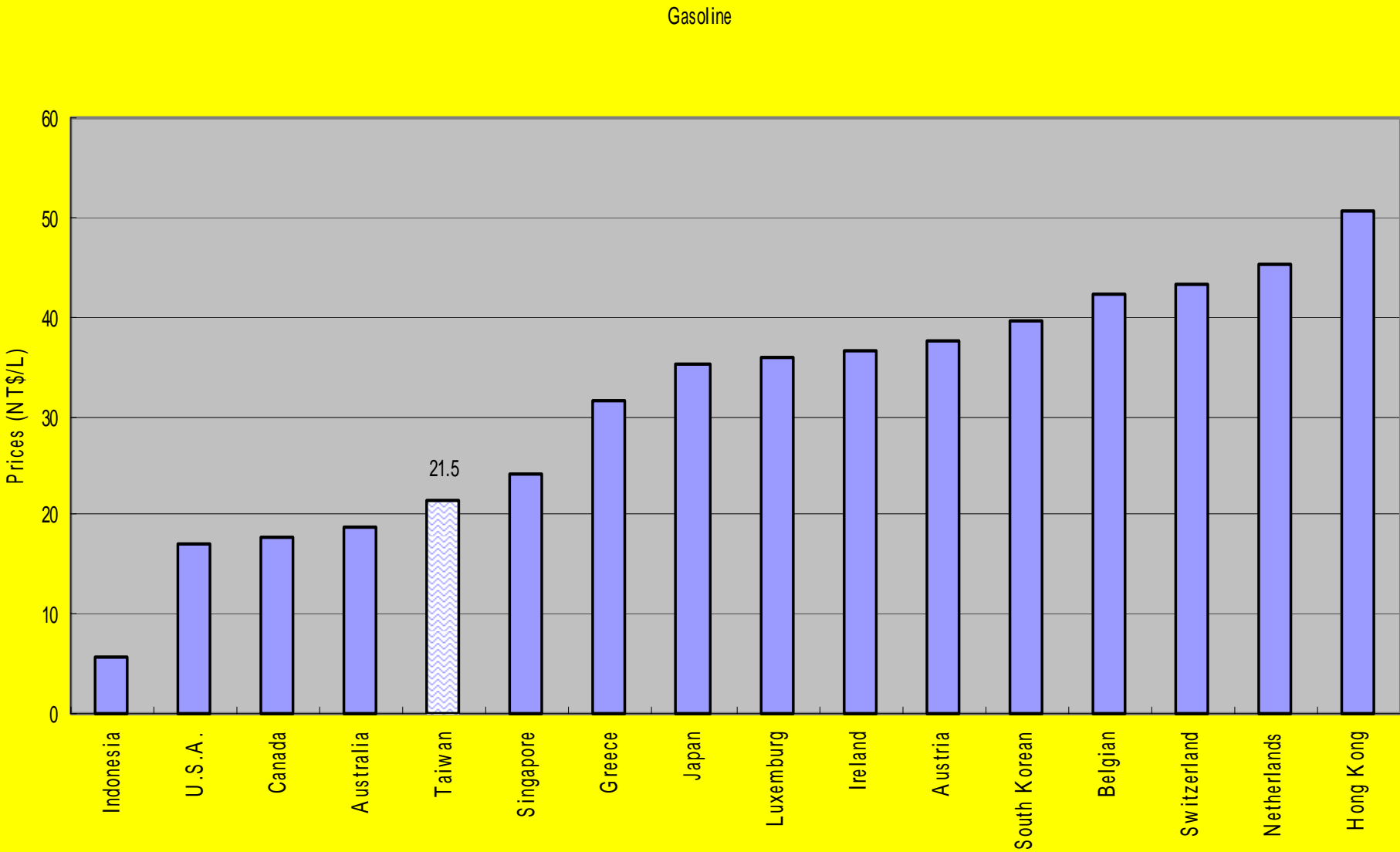
<b>Item Year</b>	<b>Energy Productivity (NTD/LOE)</b>	<b>Energy Intensity (LOE/Thousand NTD)</b>
<b>1996</b>	106.26	9.41
<b>1997</b>	106.59	9.38
<b>1998</b>	106.03	9.43
<b>1999</b>	106.03	9.43
<b>2000</b>	105.46	9.48
<b>2001</b>	98.60	10.14
<b>2002</b>	96.75	10.34
<b>2003</b>	96.65	10.35
<b>1996-1999</b>	-0.22%	0.21%
<b>1999-2003</b>	-8.85%	9.76%



With respect to the low energy price, Taiwan is one of the countries, which has the lowest price in gasoline, diesel and electricity (see Diagram 1, 2, 3 and 4). For instance, Taiwan's gasoline and diesel prices were NT\$21.5 and NT\$16.5 per liter, respectively, in June 2004. They were 42.5 percent and 31.4 percent, respectively, lower than the corresponding averages for Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore (See Table 4). This is due to the fact that Taiwan's tax rate on oil products is the lowest among the five economics mentioned above. Taiwan's electricity price (for lighting) is 2.5443 (NT\$/kwh), 5.938 (NT\$/kwh) of Japan and 5.2669 (NT\$/kwh) of Germany (see Table 5). In fact, Taiwan's electricity price for lighting decreased from 2.59/kwh in 1996 to 2.40/kwh in 2003; while electricity price for non-lighting declined from 1.87/kwh to 1.74/kwh.

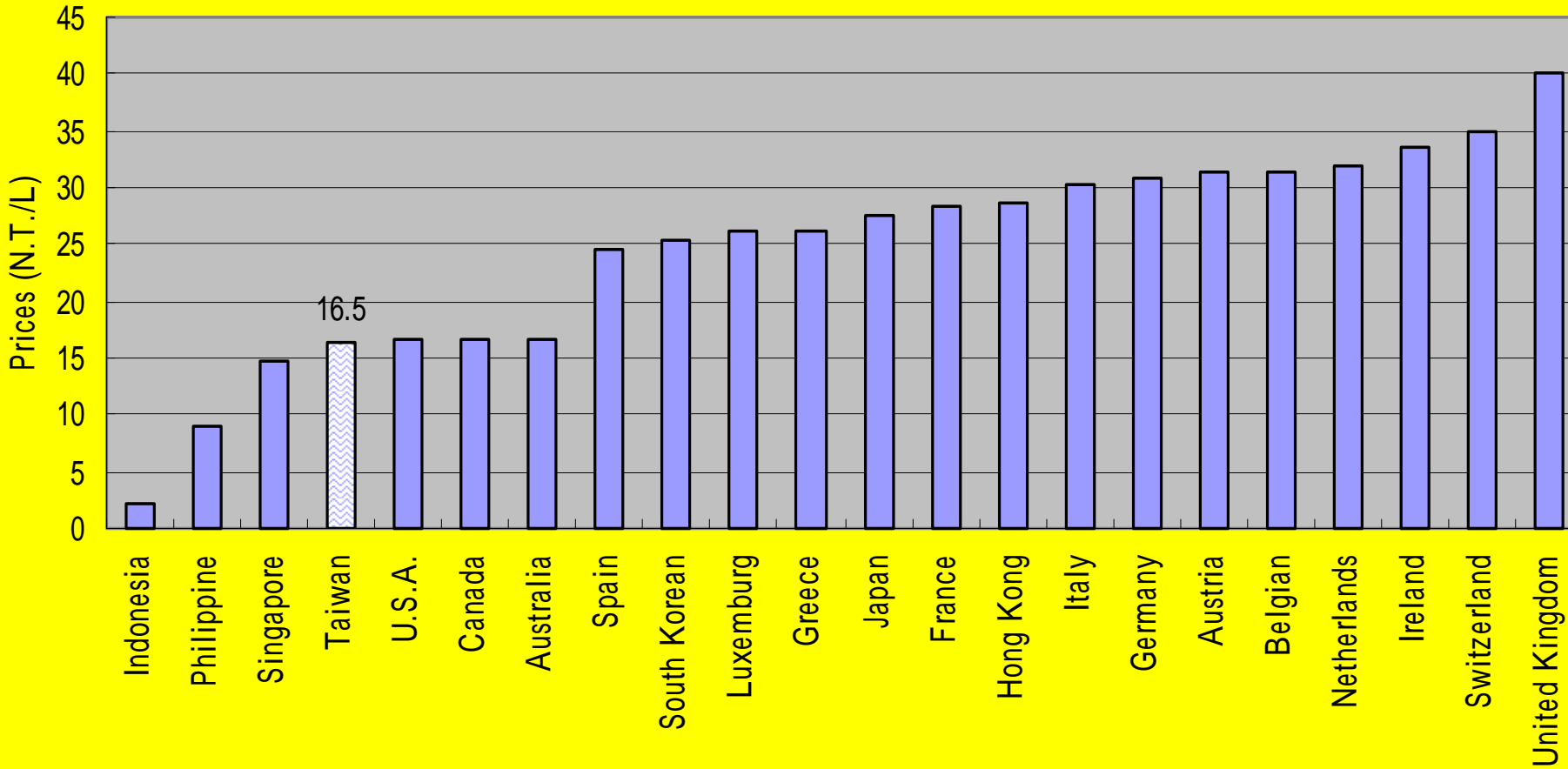


# Diagram 1 International Comparison on Gasoline Price

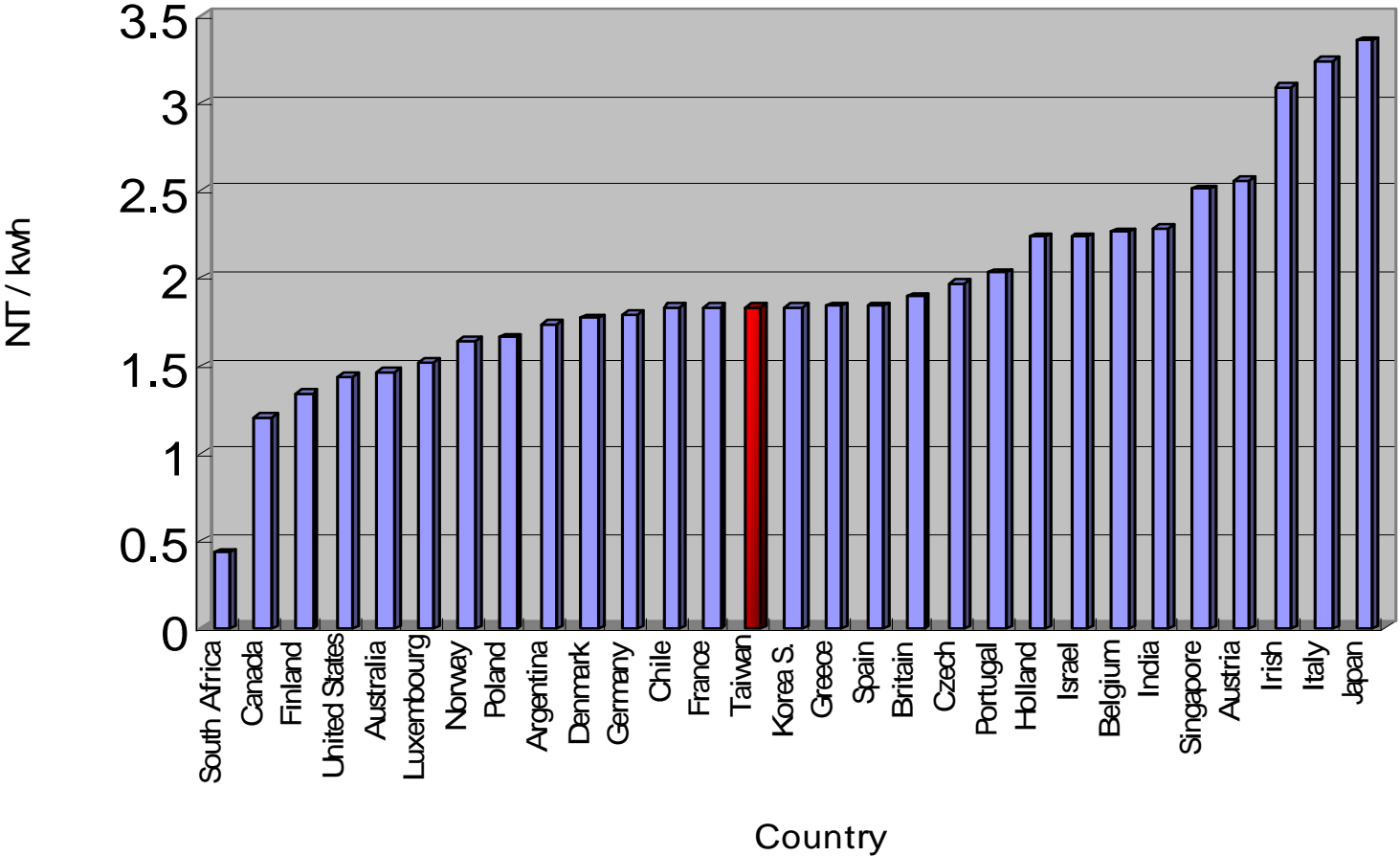


# Diagram 2 International Comparison on Diesel Price

Diesel

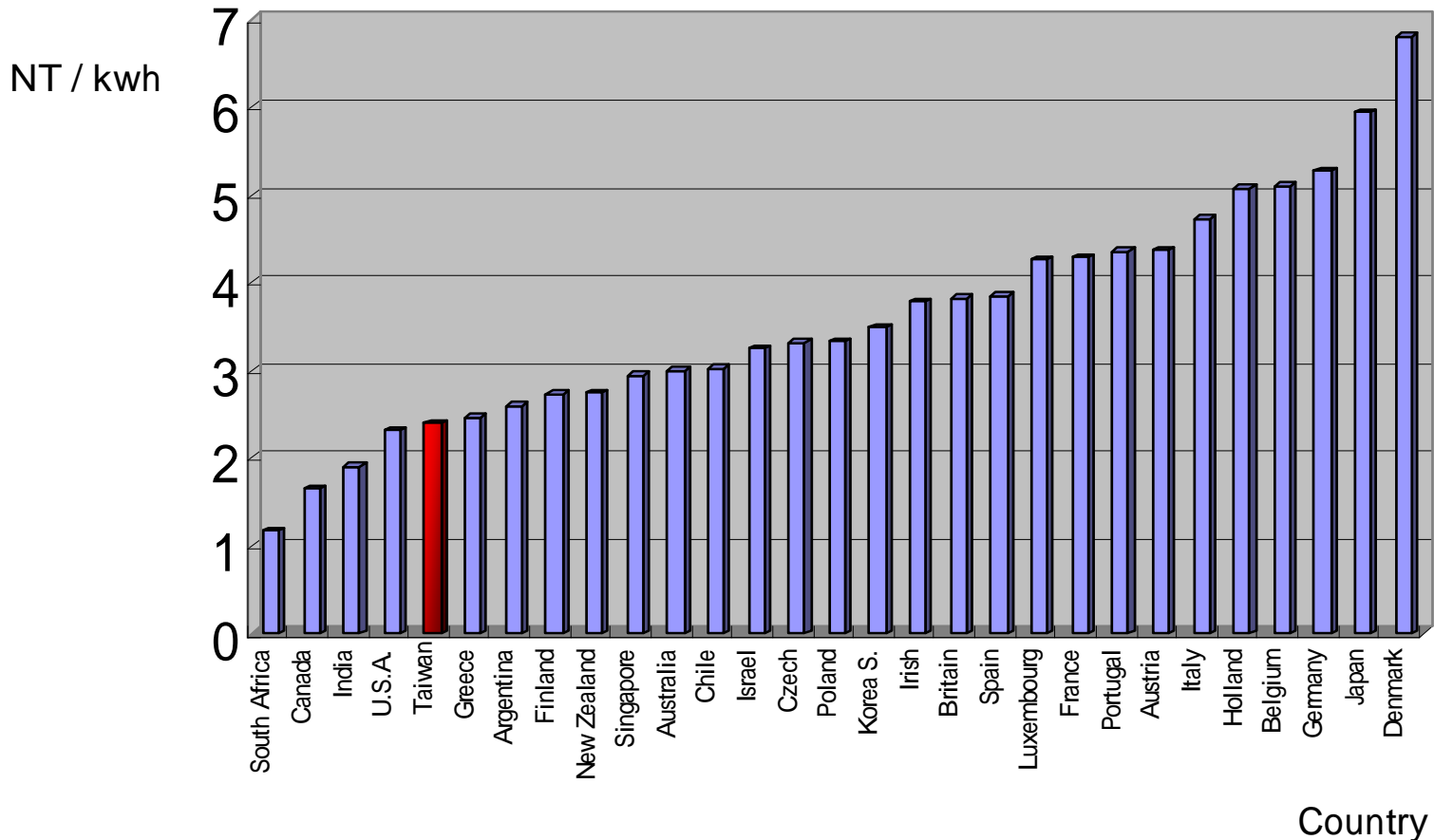


# Diagram 3 International Comparison on Electricity Price (Non-lighting)



# Diagram 4 International Comparison on Electricity Price (Lighting)

## International Comparison on Electricity Price (Lighting)



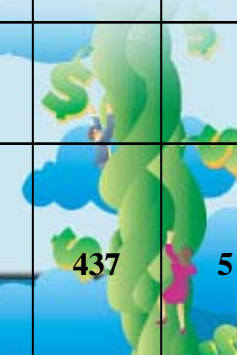
# Table 3 Energy Structure Changes in Taiwan, 1996 - 2004

Unit: %

Period	Total	Coal	Petroleum	Natural Gas	L.N.G.	Hydro Power	Nuclear Power
<b>1996</b>	100.0	27.0	53.4	1.1	4.5	2.7	11.3
<b>1997</b>	100.0	29.6	51.3	1.0	5.2	2.7	10.2
<b>1998</b>	100.0	28.9	51.4	0.9	6.1	2.8	9.9
<b>1999</b>	100.0	29.9	51.5	0.9	5.8	2.2	9.7
<b>2000</b>	100.0	31.1	50.9	0.7	6.1	2.1	9.1
<b>2001</b>	100.0	32.3	50.4	0.8	6.3	2.1	8.1
<b>2002</b>	100.0	33.1	49.3	0.8	6.8	1.4	8.7
<b>2003</b>	100.0	32.6	50.8	0.7	6.6	1.4	8.0
<b>2004 Q1</b>	100.0	32.0	53.1	0.8	5.2	1.2	7.7

# Table 4 International Comparison on Gasoline and Diesel Prices

Country	Date		Gasoline (N.T./L)				Diesel (N.T./L)				Fuel Oil (N.T./KL)			
			Price	Price Before Tax	Tax	Tax Rate%	Price	Price Before Tax	Tax	Tax Rate%	Price	Price Before Tax	Tax	Tax Rate%
Taiwan	2004	6	21.5	13.65	7.85	57.6	16.5	11.53	4.97	43.1	8,150	7,652	498	6.5
Japan	2004	6	35.12	16.72	18.39	110	27.66	16.36	11.29	69	9,167	8,731	437	5
South Korea	2004	6	39.68				25.37				10,776			
Hong Kong	2004	6	50.63				28.52							
Singapore	2004	6	24.24	12.61	11.64	92.3	14.65	12.93	1.73	13.4				
The average price including Taiwan			37.42	14.67	15.02	101.15	24.05	14.65	6.51	41.20	9971.5	8731	437	5



**Table 5 International Comparisons on Electricity Price (Lighting)**

Country	NT / kwh	Country	NT / kwh
South Africa	1.1744	Korea S.	3.4825
Canada	1.6523	Irish	3.7773
India	1.9065	Britain	3.8231
U.S.A.	2.3183	Spain	3.8536
<b>Taiwan</b>	<b>2.5443</b>	Luxembourg	4.2603
Greece	2.4606	France	4.2857
Argentina	2.6030	Portugal	4.3518
Finland	2.7250	Austria	4.3671
New Zealand	2.7453	Italy	4.7229
Singapore	2.9334	Holland	5.0686
Australia	2.9995	Belgium	5.1042
Chile	3.0249	Germany	5.2669
Israel	3.2435	Japan	5.9380
Czech	3.3096	Denmark	6.7972
Poland	3.3300		



It is pertinent for Taiwan to upwardly adjust its energy prices via higher energy-related taxes, such as carbon tax, in order to conserve energy consumption and reduce the social costs associated with energy consumption, that arise due to air pollution, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, traffic congestion and instability of energy supply. However, whether the implementation of carbon tax is plausible or not depends on a precise evaluation of the effect of the taxes on energy conservation and the economy.



Since a high carbon tax might have a significant impact on the economy, a step-by-step or ‘progressive’ approach should be examined as an alternative. Therefore, once it is decided to implement a carbon tax, the next question will be that of determining the best approach, i.e. a ‘one step’ approach or a ‘progressive’ approach, that should be adopted. The selection will depend on a comparison of the carbon tax effects of a ‘one step’ approach and a ‘progressive’ approach on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the economy.



The purpose of this paper is therefore to evaluate and compare the effect of a carbon tax on the price level, output growth and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sector and for the economy as a whole by applying the ‘one-step’ approach as well as the ‘progressive’ approach during the 1999-2020 period. Policy recommendations are drawn from the findings.

The paper consists of the following four sections:

- (1) Introduction;
- (2) The Theoretical Model;
- (3) The Simulation Methodology and Procedure;
- (4) Simulation Results; and
- (5) Conclusion.

For the evaluation of the carbon tax on Taiwan’s economy, please refer to Liang (2000).



### **3、 The Theoretical Model Dynamic Generalized Equilibrium Model of Taiwan**

The dynamic generalized equilibrium model of Taiwan (DGEMT) consists of the following four sub-models:

- (1) the producer's model;
- (2) the consumer's model;
- (3) the DGBAS's macroeconomic model; and
- (4) ITRI's MARKAL engineering energy model.



# 3.1 Producer's Model

The producer's model decomposes the Taiwan economy into twenty-nine sectors, namely, eight main sectors (including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, construction, public utilities, transportation, services and industry (mining, manufacturing, construction and public utilities)), seventeen manufacturing sectors (including food, beverages & tobacco, textiles, clothes & wearing apparel, leather & leather products, wood & bamboo products, furniture products, paper & printing, chemicals & plastics, rubber products, non-metallic minerals, basic metals, metal products, machinery & equipment, electrical machinery & electronics, transportation equipment and miscellaneous), and four energy sectors (including coal mining, oil refining, natural gas and electricity).



We assume that the sectoral cost function is of the translog form with homothetic weak separability of energy and material inputs. The model actually consists of four sub-models (for each sector): an aggregate sub-model, an energy sub-model, a non-energy intermediate input sub-model, and an oil product sub-model. The aggregate sub-model includes one output price equation and five equations relating to the cost shares of capital, labor, energy, non-energy intermediate inputs and the rate of technological change. The energy sub-model has one price (energy price) equation and four share equations explaining the cost shares of coal, oil products, natural gas, and electricity, respectively.



The non-energy intermediate sub-model is composed of one price (material price) equation and five equations for the cost shares of agricultural intermediate inputs, industrial intermediate inputs, transportation's intermediate inputs, service intermediate inputs, and imported intermediate inputs, respectively. Similarly, the oil product sub-model has one price (oil price) equation and four share equations explaining the cost shares of gasoline, diesel, fuel oil and other oil products. Diagram 5 presents the tier structure of the sub-models in the producer's model. With the sole exception of the oil sub-model, the explanatory variables consist of input prices and time as an index for the level of technology. As for the oil sub-model, the explanatory variable consists of input prices only.



Taking the aggregate input sub-model as an example, the output price (P) equation is:

$$\ln P = \ln \alpha_0 + \alpha_T T + \sum_i \alpha_i \ln P_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} \ln P_i \ln P_j + \sum_i \beta_{iT} \ln P_i T + \frac{1}{2} \beta_{TT} T^2, \quad (6.1)$$

where  $\alpha_i$  denotes capital, labor, energy and intermediate inputs, respectively.  $T$  denotes time as an index for the level of technology.

The input cost share equations are:

$$S_i = \alpha_i + \sum_j \beta_{ij} \ln P_j + \beta_{iT} T, \quad i, j = K, L, E, M, \quad (6.2)$$

and the rate of technical change (-RT) is:

$$-R_T = \frac{\partial \ln P}{\partial T} = \alpha_T + \sum_i \beta_i \ln P_i + \beta_{TT} T. \quad (6.3)$$





The basic approach of the model, which is a modification of the Hudson-Jorgenson (1974) model, is an integration of econometric modeling and input-output analysis. However, to reflect the dramatic changes in both the industrial structure and energy consumption patterns of the Taiwan economy, a time trend is included in the energy and material sub-models. This innovation makes this Jorgenson-Liang (1985) model significantly different from most of the studies by Jorgenson and his associates, which are based on highly-developed economies, such as the United States, Japan and West Germany. This kind of model will be also useful for case studies involving the other newly industrializing countries (NICs).



Liang (1987), Jorgenson and Liang (1985) and Liang (1999) contain detailed descriptions of this theoretical model, together with the estimation method, data compilation and the results of coefficients estimated. It is noted that Liang (1999) is a revised model of Jorgenson-Liang (1985) in that it updates the time-series data of the producer's model from 1961-1981 to 1961-1993, and also combines the consumer's model (Liang (1983)), the macroeconomic model of the Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan (Ho-Lin-Wang (2001)), and the MARKAL Engineering Model of the Industrial Technology Research Institute (Young (1996)).



## 3.2 The Consumer's Model

Following Jorgenson-Slesnick (1983), we assume that the  $k$ th household allocates its expenditures in accordance with the translog indirect utility function. Under exact aggregation conditions, the vector of aggregate expenditure shares can be expressed in the following form:

$$S = \frac{1}{D(P)} \left( \alpha_p + \beta_{PP} \ln P - \beta_{PP} \frac{\sum M_k \ln M_k}{M} + \beta_{PA} \frac{\sum M_k A_k}{M} \right) \quad (6.4)$$

Under exact aggregation, systems of individual expenditure shares for consuming units with identical demographic characteristics can be recovered in one and only one way from the system of aggregate expenditure shares.



Equation (4) implies that the vector of the expenditure shares of the household sector (private consumption) are determined by commodity prices (P), the expenditure structure ( $\sum \frac{M_k \ln M_k}{M}$ ) and the joint distribution of household expenditure, and the attributes ( $\sum \frac{M_k A_k}{M}$ ), where and denote the kth household's expenditure and attributes, respectively. is a vector of ones. We divide private consumption into five categories:

- (1) Food: Expenditures on food, beverages and tobacco.
- (2) Clothing: Expenditures on clothing, apparel.
- (3) Housing: Expenditures on rent and non-energy utilities, furniture, furnishing and household equipment, household operations and services.
- (4) Energy: Expenditures on fuel and electricity including fuel for vehicles.
- (5) Recreation, Transportation and Miscellaneous: Expenditures on recreation, amusement and education, medical and health care, transportation and miscellaneous consumption expenditures.



Hence the vector of expenditure share ( $S$ ) in fact consists of the five types of expenditure shared referred to above. The following demographic characteristics are employed as attributes of households:

- (1) Family size: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or more.
- (2) Occupation: Non-farmer and farmer.
- (3) Number of persons employed: 1, 2, 3 or more.

For a detailed description of the model, please refer to Liang (1983). The consumer's model is linked to the producer's model through output prices by sector; while it is linked to the DGBAS's macroeconomic model via total private consumption. (See the next section)



## 3.3 The DGBAS Macroeconomic Model

The macroeconomic model of the Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics (DGBAS) is a Keynesian model which consists of 159 equations. We retrieve the following projection data from the macroeconomic model as initial values in the baseline projection: (1) GDP growth rate, (2) wage, (3) interest rate, (4) private consumption, (5) CPI, (6) WPI, (7) investment, (8) government expenditure, and (9) exports. Both the CPI and WPI are affected by output prices in each sector. The GDP, wage, interest rate and private consumption are functions of the CPI or the WPI in this macroeconomic model. Thus, there are feedback relationships between the DGBAS macroeconomic model and the producer's model if sectoral output prices change due to the implementation of an energy tax.



The total supply is composed of the intermediate demands of industries and the final demands of private consumption (C), investment (I), government expenditures (G), and net exports (X) minus imports (M). Markets are cleared by the prices of domestically produced commodities for each sector ( $P_i$ ).

$$P_i Q_i = \sum_j P_i A_{ij} + P_i (C_i + I_i + G_i) + P_i X - P_i M_i$$

$$, \quad i, j=1 \dots 29 \quad (6.5)$$



# 3.4 The ITRI MARKAL Engineering Energy Model

By employing the linear programming method, the ITRI MARKAL engineering model combines the information relating to the growth of industries, energy supply and energy technologies to achieve the best energy mix. This model is developed by the Institute for Energy and Resources of the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI).

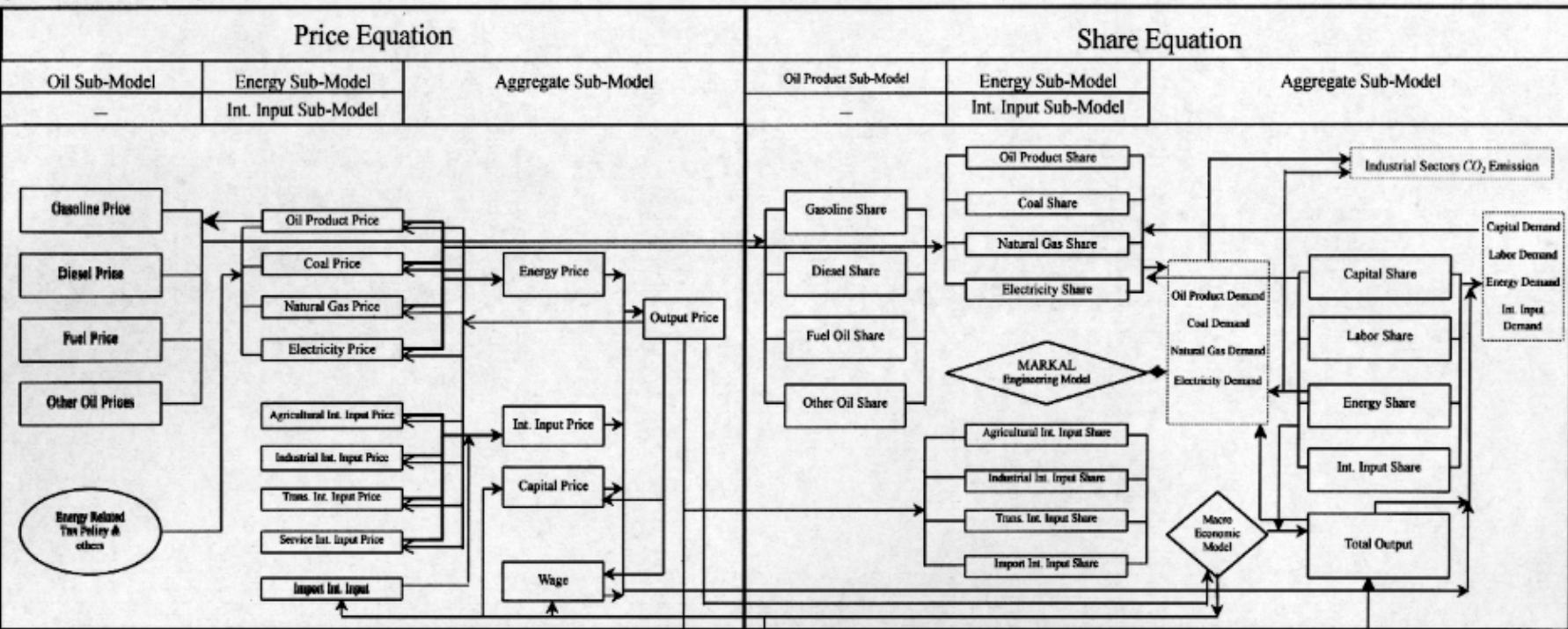
Because information regarding future energy technology development is given careful consideration in the model, we use the aggregate of the energy demand by types projected by the ITRI MARKAL engineering model to control for the total energy demand projected by the producer's and consumer's models.



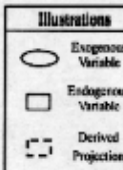
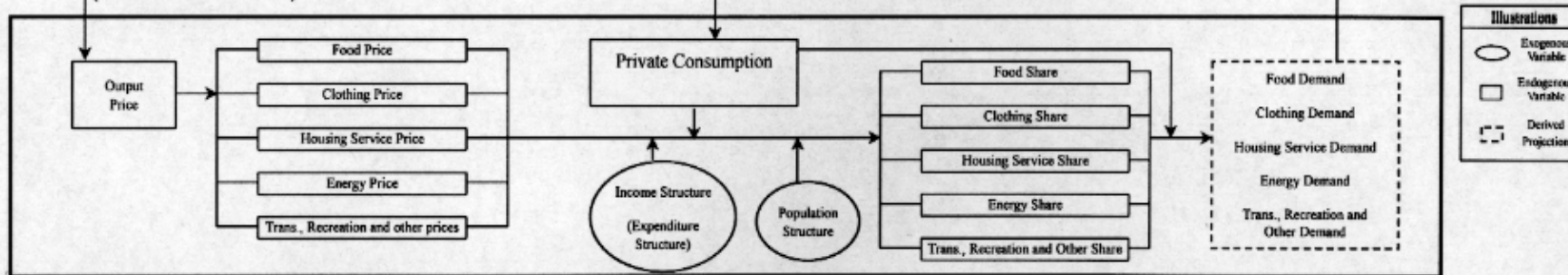


# 4、The Simulation Methodology and Procedure

(Producer Model) 29 Industries



(Consumer Model)



# Base case projection

To assess the effect of carbon tax and energy price increases, we must first determine the future path of the Taiwanese economy in the absence of the carbon tax. We call such a scenario a base case. The base case projection is conducted by means of the following steps:

- (1) We insert the values of the capital services price ( $P_k$ ), the wage ( $P_L$ ) and the price of imported intermediate inputs ( $P_m$ ) projected by the DGBAS macroeconomic model into the producer's model. In this way, we obtain the prices and factor cost shares for 29 sectors over 1999-2020.



(2) By employing the 1996 input-output table, we then convert the 29 sectoral output prices into the prices of 5 consumer goods during 1999-2020. By inserting the prices of 5 consumer goods together with the private consumption as projected by the macroeconomic model into the consumer's model, we obtain the shares of 5 consumer goods in total private consumption.



(3) The demand for types of energy by sector, taking oil as an example, is derived by multiplying the oil coefficient ( $O/Q$ ) by the total output ( $Q$ ) for each sector. The oil coefficient ( $O/Q$ ) can be calculated by means of the following equation:

$$\frac{O}{Q} = \frac{P_E \cdot E}{P \cdot Q} \cdot \frac{P_O \cdot O}{P_E \cdot E} \cdot \frac{P}{P_O} = S_E \cdot S_O \cdot \frac{P}{P_O} \quad (6.6)$$

where  $SE$  : Energy share of total cost,


$SO$  : Oil share of energy cost,

$P$  : Output price,

$PO$  : Price of oil products,

and  $SE$ ,  $SO$ ,  $P$ , and  $PO$  are endogenously determined in the model.

The projected growth rate of sectoral output during 1999-2020 is derived by: (i) the GDP growth rate obtained from the macroeconomic model, (ii) the industrial structure projection provided by this study, and (iii) the use of the sectoral value-added shares in total output which are endogenously determined from this model's simulation.



(4) The demand for energy in the household sector ( $E_H$ ) is derived by

$$E_H = S_E \cdot \frac{PC}{P_E} \quad (6.7)$$

Here,  $S_E$ ,  $P_E$  and  $PC$  denote, respectively, the energy expenditure share of private consumption, the energy price and private consumption. Both and are determined endogenously from the consumer's model, while (private consumption) comes from the projection of the DGBAS macroeconomic model.



(5) The demand for the various types of energy are then converted into CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by employing the conversion factor projected by the MARKAL engineering model, such as: coal (3.53 tons CO<sub>2</sub>/KLOE), oil products (2.89 tons CO<sub>2</sub>/KLOE), and natural gas (2.09 tons CO<sub>2</sub>/KLOE). This completes the whole process of baseline projection.



# Simulation Involving Carbon Tax and Energy Price Increases

(6) Next, we evaluate the impact of carbon tax and energy price increases. We convert the prices of different energy types ranging from endogenous to exogenous. The prices of energy are modified by incorporating energy tax schedules into the producer's model and consumer's model, respectively, to calculate their corresponding output prices, cost shares, demand for types of energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sectors, as well as the consumption structure and quantity of consumer goods.



(7) However, the above scenarios do not consider the ‘feedback’ effect in the changes in the capital service price (PK), wage (PL) and output caused by implementing the tax. In fact, the implementation of carbon tax will affect PK and PL and total output by sector as well. In the DGBAS macroeconomic model, PK and PL are affected by the carbon tax through the increase in the general price level. Hence we insert the GDP deflator into the PK and PL function to obtain a new PK and PL, and in turn new values of the output price, cost structure and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sector.





8) The impact of the carbon tax on total output by sector is evaluated by means of the following procedure:

- (a) First of all, we calculate the impact of the carbon tax on the sectoral output price and the general price level (GDP deflator), and, in turn, the new values of final demand such as private consumption, investment, government expenditure, net exports and GDP.
- (b) Next, we multiply the private consumption by the private consumption shares of the five consumer goods, which are then deflated by their respective prices to obtain the new values of the five consumer goods.
- (c) We then employ the 1996 Input-Output table to convert the changes in the five consumer goods to the changes in sectoral final demand (FD).
- (d) We obtain the sectoral total output ( $Q$ ) by using the following standard input-output equation Here,  $D$  denotes the matrix of domestic product input-output coefficients.
- (e) We calculate the energy conservation effect on the total output of the four energy sectors and the whole economy. The energy conservation effect is obtained by comparing the demand for the four types of energy in the base case with that in the carbon tax case where carbon tax are implemented.



(9) Finally, the impact of carbon tax on the sectoral output price, the demand for various types of energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are compared.

It is noted that the imposition of carbon tax and energy price increase will reduce total output and further reduce the demand for energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emission. Therefore, the total impact of carbon tax and energy price increase on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction should also accommodate the effect on output growth. In a nutshell, we consider not only the ‘substitution effect’ but also the ‘income effect,’ both in the consumer’s and producer’s models, in relation to the demand for energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



# 5、 The Simulation Results

## 5.1 Effect of Carbon Tax on Prices

The carbon tax schedule for Holland (US\$2.24/tons CO<sub>2</sub>), Finland (US\$3.93/tons CO<sub>2</sub>), Denmark (US\$14.88/tons CO<sub>2</sub>) and Sweden (US\$ 22.2/tons CO<sub>2</sub>), which are shown in Table 6. Among these, oil has the highest tax rate, followed by fuel oil, LPG, natural gas, diesel oil, gasoline and electricity.



Because there is not perfect substitutability among the different types of energy (e.g., coal and fuel oil cannot replace gasoline and diesel for car use) and the tax rate of each kind of energy is different, the unit caloric prices of various types of energy are different in Taiwan. The present unit caloric energy price structure is as follows (take the unit caloric price of coal as 1) coal: premium gasoline: premium diesel: fuel oil: LPG: natural gas: electricity = 1: 4.25: 2.68: 0.84: 1.58: 1.63: 4.29.

By imposing the carbon tax rate and taking the US\$22.2/tons CO<sub>2</sub> tax rate as an example, the energy price structure (in NT\$/LOE) will be changed to coal: premium gasoline: premium diesel: fuel oil: LPG: natural gas: electricity = 1: 3.0: 2.0: 0.83: 1.26: 1.25: 2.97 (see Table 6). After imposing the carbon tax, each energy price related to coal declines significantly except for fuel oil. This brings advantages to natural gas, electricity and LPG that may serve as substitutes for coal and fuel oil in the producer's sector (see Table 6).



# Table 6 The Comparison of Carbon Taxes and Energy Prices in 1998

	Coal	Gasoline	Diesel	Fuel	LPG	Natural Gas	Electricity
Price in 1998	4.51	19.15	12.07	3.77	7.14	7.34	19.37
	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Dutch Carbon Tax Amount U.S.\$ 2.24/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	0.261	0.214	0.214	0.214	0.214	0.154	0.174
	(5.787)	(1.117)	(1.773)	(5.676)	(2.997)	(2.098)	(0.898)
Finnish Carbon Tax Amount U.S.\$ 3.93/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	0.458	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.271	0.306
	(10.155)	(1.958)	(3.107)	(9.947)	(5.252)	(3.692)	(1.580)
Danish Carbon Tax Amount U.S.\$ 14.88/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	1.733	1.419	1.419	1.419	1.419	1.026	1.159
	(38.426)	(7.410)	(11.756)	(37.639)	(19.874)	(13.978)	(5.983)
Swedish Carbon Tax Amount U.S.\$ 22.2/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	2.586	2.117	2.117	2.117	2.117	1.531	1.729
	(57.339)	(11.055)	(17.539)	(56.154)	(29.650)	(20.858)	(8.926)

Note: 1 = LCF stands for liter oil equivalent

## 5.2 Effect of Carbon Tax — A One-Step Approach

### Effect on Energy Demand and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

By imposing the highest carbon tax (U.S.\$22.2/CO<sub>2</sub> (Ton)) through the use of a one-step approach, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions decrease by 25.77 percent for the economy as a whole in 1999. The energy demand in relation to coal has the largest decrease, which is -36.45 percent, followed by oil products - 23 percent, natural gas -14.23 percent and electricity -15.76 percent (see Table 7).



**Table 7 The Effect of Carbon Taxes [U.S.\$ 22.2/CO<sub>2</sub> (Ton)] on  
Energy Demand and CO<sub>2</sub> Emission in 1999  
(One-Step Approach)**

Unit :

	Coal	Oil	Nature Gas	Electricity	CO <sub>2</sub>
<b>Agriculture</b>	-	-25.44	-	-13.71	-23.5
<b>Mining</b>	-30.96	-22.26	-9.23	4.82	-26
Coal Mining	-	18.94	-	34.98	-8.2
Nature Gas	-	-12.21	0.68	2.08	-15.8
<b>Manufacturing</b>	-36.63	-22.15	-14.29	-16.61	-27.5
Food	-37.12	-25.13	-17.64	-14.97	-19.9
Beverage & Tobacco	-37.38	-25.43	-17.97	-15.32	-22.9
Textiles	-36.21	-21.81	-16.45	-14.27	-17.4
Clothes & Wearing Apparel	-37.3	-24	-	-15.82	-20.7
Leather & Leather Products	-38.11	-13.03	-	-20.22	-18.5
Wood & Bamboo Products	-	-24.67	-17.14	-14.46	-18.6
Furniture Products	-	-	-	-	-
Paper & Printing	-36.22	-24.06	-16.47	-13.77	-18.8
Chemical & Plastic	-78.43	-21.42	-	-8.1	-24.3

	Coal	Oil	Nature Gas	Electricity	CO2
Rubber Products	-36.72	-24.72	-	-14.41	-19.9
Oil Refinery	-15.95	-0.44	30.68	-2.02	-23.7
Non-Metallic Mineral	-34.97	-23.11	7.1	-17.81	-30.9
Basic Metal	-52.59	-13.48	-13.74	-3.1	-36.7
Metal Products	-36.56	-24.47	-16.91	-14.23	-20.8
Machinery & Equipment	-36.29	-24.15	2.49	-14.08	-21.3
Elect. Mach. & Electronics	-37.47	-25.54	-18.09	-15.44	-19.0
Transport Equipment	-37.76	-25.89	-18.48	-15.84	-21.1
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Water, Electricity &amp; Gas</b>	-32.41	-21.96	-11.94	-9.53	-36.4
Electricity	-23.24	-17.58	-0.97	1.09	-32.0
<b>Construction</b>	-35.56	-23.27	-	-12.87	-31.1
<b>Transportation &amp; Comm.</b>	-35.52	-23.22	-	-12.9	-24.8
<b>Services</b>	-36.5	-24.39	-16.83	-14.14	-16.4
<b>Industry</b>	-36.45	-22.16	-14.2	-16.44	-28.1
<b>Whole Economy</b>	-36.45	-23	-14.23	-15.76	-25.7



## Effect on Output Prices:

Imposing an energy tax will of course have the greatest impact on the prices within the four energy sectors (see Table 8). Among manufacturing industries, the non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and chemical products industries will suffer the greatest impact in terms of price increases. Public utilities and transportation will have the highest price increases among the seven one-digit sectors. For the economy as a whole, the GDP deflator will increase by 2.26 percent in 1999, if the highest energy tax rate of U.S.\$22.2/CO<sub>2</sub> (Ton) is imposed (see Table 8).



**Table 8 The Effect of Different Carbon Taxes on Price by Sector in  
1999  
(One-Step Approach)**

Unit : %

	<b>Holland Tax</b>	<b>Finland Tax</b>	<b>Denmark Tax</b>	<b>Sweden Tax</b>
	[U.S.\$ 2.44 / $CO_2$ (Ton)]	[U.S.\$3.93/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 22.2/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]
<b>Agriculture</b>	0.18	0.31	1.17	1.75
<b>Minning</b>	1.29	2.26	8.55	12.75
Coal Mining	6.12	10.74	40.65	60.65
Nature Gas	2.34	4.1	15.53	23.18
<b>Manufacturing</b>	0.25	0.44	1.66	2.47
Food	0.17	0.3	1.14	1.7
Beverage & Tobacco	0.13	0.23	0.86	1.29
Textiles	0.32	0.56	2.11	3.15
Clothes& Wearing Apparel	0.22	0.38	1.44	2.16
Leather& Leather Products	0.11	0.19	0.74	1.1
Wood & Bamboo Products	0.17	0.3	1.13	1.68
Furniture Products	-	-	-	-
Paper & Printing	0.31	0.55	2.09	3.11

	France	Germany	Denmark	Sweden
	[U.S.\$ 2.44 / CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$3.93/ CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 22.2/ CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]
Rubber Products	0.23	0.41	1.56	2.32
Oil Refinery	3.56	6.25	23.67	35.31
Non-Metallic Mineral	0.52	0.91	3.43	5.11
Basic Metal	0.42	0.74	2.79	4.16
Metal Products	0.26	0.46	1.73	2.58
Machinery & Equipment	0.22	0.38	1.44	2.15
Elect. Mach. & Electronics	0.12	0.21	0.8	1.2
Transport Equipment	0.16	0.27	1.04	1.55
Miscellaneous	0.19	0.33	1.23	1.84
<b>Water, Electricity &amp; Gas</b>	1.63	2.86	10.83	16.16
Electricity	1.95	3.43	12.98	19.37
<b>Construction</b>	0.28	0.5	1.88	2.8
<b>Transportation &amp; Comm.</b>	0.44	0.78	2.93	4.38
<b>Services</b>	0.13	0.23	0.85	1.27
<b>Industry</b>	0.36	0.64	2.41	3.59
<b>GDP Deflator</b>	0.23	0.40	1.52	2.26

## Effect on Output Growth

The four energy sectors will also suffer the greatest decline in output growth when the energy tax is imposed. This is due to the ‘substitution effect’ and ‘income effect’ both in terms of the final demand and the producer’s sector. Similarly, the non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and chemical products sectors are among the most affected parts of the manufacturing sector. The public utility and transportation sectors will exhibit the greatest decrease in output growth among the seven one-digit sectors. For the economy as a whole, GDP will decline by 1.57 percent if the highest energy tax rate U.S\$22.2/CO<sub>2</sub> (Ton) is imposed (see Table 9).



**Table 9 The Effect of Carbon Taxes on Output Growth in 1999  
(One-Step Approach)**

Unit : %

	<b>Holland Tax</b>	<b>Finland Tax</b>	<b>Denmark Tax</b>	<b>Sweden Tax</b>
	[U.S.\$ 2.44 / <i>CO<sub>2</sub></i> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$3.93/ <i>CO<sub>2</sub></i> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ <i>CO<sub>2</sub></i> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 22. <i>CO<sub>2</sub></i> (Ton)]
<b>Agriculture</b>	-0.18	-0.32	-1.21	-1.1
<b>mining</b>	-0.61	-1.07	-3.96	-5.8
Coal Mining	-5.5	-9.24	-27.55	-36.0
Nature Gas	-1.63	-2.83	-9.89	-14.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	-0.22	-0.39	-1.47	-2.1
Food	-0.05	-0.09	-0.31	-0.4
Beverage & Tobacco	-0.1	-0.17	-0.56	-0.7
Textiles	-0.11	-0.18	-0.62	-0.8
Clothes& Wearing Apparel	-0.09	-0.15	-0.52	-0.7
Leather& Leather Products	-0.07	-0.12	-0.41	-0.5
Wood & Bamboo Products	-0.11	-0.18	-0.62	-0.8
Furniture Products	-0.11	-0.18	-0.62	-0.8
Paper & Printing	-0.15	-0.26	-0.88	-1.2
Chemical & Plastic	0.28	0.47	1.57	2.3

	Holland Ton	Finland Ton	Denmark Ton	Sweden Ton
	[U.S.\$ 2.44 / CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$3.93/ CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 22.2/ CO <sub>2</sub> (Ton)]
Rubber Products	-0.1	-0.18	-0.6	-0.8
Oil Refinery	-2.97	-5.08	-16.62	-22.7
Non-Metallic Mineral	-0.46	-0.79	-2.65	-3.7
Basic Metal	-0.96	-1.53	-2.93	-2.4
Metal Products	-0.09	-0.15	-0.5	-0.6
Machinery & Equipment	-0.08	-0.14	-0.46	-0.6
Elect. Mach. & Electronics	-0.05	-0.08	-0.27	-0.3
Transport Equipment	-0.05	-0.08	-0.26	-0.3
Miscellaneous	-0.15	-1.62	-5.42	-7.5
<b>Water, Electricity &amp; Gas</b>	-1.64	-2.87	-10.52	-15.1
Electricity	-1.87	-3.23	-11.07	-15.5
<b>Construction</b>	-0.13	-0.22	-0.84	-1.2
<b>Transportation &amp; Comm.</b>	-0.3	-0.52	-1.96	-2.9
<b>Services</b>	-0.06	-0.1	-0.38	-0.5
<b>Industry</b>	-0.31	-0.54	-2.04	-3.0
<b>Whole economy</b>	-0.16	-0.28	-1.06	-1.5

## 5.3 Effect of Carbon Tax – A Progressive Approach

Alternatively, we might choose a progressive approach to achieve the same goal of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, while minimizing its impact on the economy. Using a progressive ad valorem tax approach, we assume that the tax rate in 2020 is the same as that when a one-step approach is used in 1999. The schedule for the 22-year progressive ad valorem tax rate is presented in Table 10.



# [Carbon Tax Rate - U.S.\$ 22.2/ CO2 (Ton)]

Unit:

Year	Coal	Gasoline	Diesel	Fuel	LPG	Natural Gas	Electricity
1999	2.082	0.478	0.737	2.046	1.187	0.865	0.389
2000	4.206	0.958	1.480	4.135	2.389	1.737	0.780
2001	6.375	1.440	2.228	6.266	3.604	2.617	1.173
2002	8.590	1.925	2.982	8.440	4.834	3.505	1.567
2003	10.850	2.412	3.741	10.660	6.079	4.400	1.962
2004	13.157	2.901	4.506	12.924	7.339	5.303	2.359
2005	15.513	3.393	5.276	15.235	8.613	6.213	2.758
2006	17.917	3.886	6.053	17.593	9.903	7.132	3.158
2007	20.372	4.383	6.834	20.000	11.207	8.058	3.560
2008	22.877	4.881	7.622	22.456	12.528	8.993	3.963
2009	25.435	5.383	8.416	24.962	13.864	9.936	4.368
2010	28.046	5.886	9.215	27.519	15.216	10.886	4.774
2011	30.711	6.392	10.020	30.128	16.584	11.845	5.182
2012	33.432	6.900	10.831	32.791	17.968	12.813	5.592
2013	36.209	7.411	11.648	35.509	19.369	13.788	6.003
2014	39.045	7.924	12.471	38.282	20.786	14.772	6.416
2015	41.939	8.440	13.301	41.112	22.220	15.765	6.830
2016	44.893	8.958	14.136	44.000	23.671	16.766	7.246
2017	47.909	9.478	14.977	46.946	25.139	17.776	7.664
2018	50.988	10.001	15.825	49.954	26.625	18.795	8.083
2019	54.131	10.527	16.679	53.022	28.129	19.822	8.504



**Table 11 The Effect of Carbon Taxes on Energy Demand and CO2 Emission by 2020 (Progressive Approach)**  
**[U.S.\$ 22.2 / CO2 (Ton)]**

Unit :

	Coal	Oil	Nature Gas	Electricity	CO2
<b>Agriculture</b>	-	-26.46	-	-13.19	-22.23
<b>Mining</b>	-28.27	-23.02	-9.55	6.65	-25.8
Coal Mining	0	12.82	-	30.93	-8.7
Nature Gas	-101.08	1.17	-0.07	15.55	-9.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	-33.76	-23.14	-14.93	-15.22	-26.4
Food	-34.43	-25.97	-18.23	-14.04	-17.2
Beverage & Tobacco	-34.54	-26.1	-18.45	-14.18	-21.2
Textiles	-33.63	-21.37	-16.11	-13.52	-16.3
Clothes& Wearing Apparel	-34.21	-23.88	-	-14.36	-19.3
Leather& Leather Products	-34.76	-26.35	-	-14.48	-16.3
Wood & Bamboo Products	-24.39	-25.49	-17.71	-13.48	-18.8
Furniture Products	-	-	-	-	-
Paper & Printing	-33.54	-24.98	-17.1	-12.88	-17.1
Chemical & Plastics	-33.54	-24.98	-17.1	-12.88	-17.1

	Coal	Oil	Nature Gas	Electricity	CO2
Rubber Products	-27.09	-	-	-13.41	-14.1
Oil Refinery	-11.93	0.14	-9.57	9.79	-25.1
Non-Metallic Mineral	-32.46	-24.02	7.38	-15.88	-28.7
Basic Metal	-35.32	-4.41	-4.49	-0.98	-23.3
Metal Products	-33.78	-25.24	-17.45	-13.19	-19.7
Machinery & Equipment	-33.98	-25.47	2.63	-13.64	-21.5
Elect. Mach. & Electronics	-34.66	-26.24	-18.59	-14.34	-17
Transport Equipment	-50.47	-44.05	-31.44	-34.98	-38.6
Miscellaneous	-34.92	-26.53	-26.53	-14.68	
<b>Water, Electricity &amp; Gas</b>	-28.78	-20.07	-10.91	-7.46	-31
Electricity	-23.11	-14.21	-0.79	-1.09	-31.1
<b>Construction</b>	-33.35	-24.76	-	-12.63	-29.8
<b>Transportation &amp; Comm.</b>	-34.2	-25.69	-	-13.99	-27.6
<b>Services</b>	-35.35	-27.01	-18.64	-15.24	-17.4
<b>Industry</b>	-33.38	-23.08	-14.79	-14.87	-26
<b>Whole economy</b>	-33.38	-25.08	-15.53	-14.83	-25.6

## Effect on Energy Demand and CO2 Emissions

By imposing the highest carbon tax (US\$22.2/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton)) on the 22-year progressive tax rate, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will decline by 25.31 percent by 2020 for the economy as a whole (see Table 11). This is almost the same as the rate of reduction when employing a one-step approach for 1999.

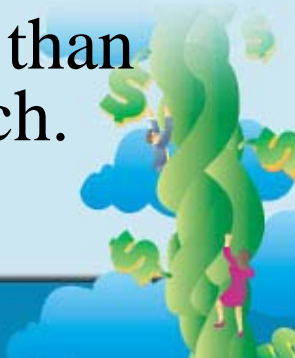
The energy demanded in relation to coal has the largest decrease, which is -33.38 percent, followed by oil products -25.08 percent, natural gas -15.52 percent, and electricity -14.82 percent.



## Effect on Prices

Using the progressive approach to implement the highest carbon tax rate (US\$22.2/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton)), the effect of the carbon tax on prices in each sector is shown in Table 12.

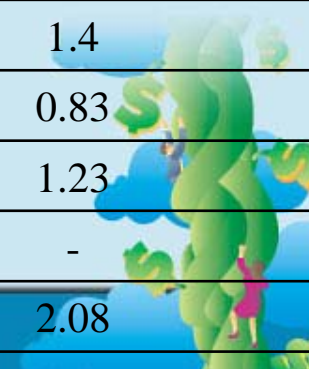
By comparing Table 8 with Table 12, we found that the progressive tax approach can effectively reduce the negative effect on the price level. For instance, at the same carbon tax rate of US\$22.2/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton), using the one-step approach will increase the GDP deflator by 2.26%, while using the 22-year progressive approach will increase the GDP deflator by 1.01%, or less than half the increase from using the one-step approach.



**Table 12 The Effect of Different Carbon Taxes on Price by Sector  
by 2020  
(Progressive Approach)**

Unit :

	<b>Denmark Tax</b>	<b>Sweden Tax</b>
	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ $CO_2(Ton)$ ]	[U.S.\$ 22.2/ $CO_2(Ton)$ ]
<b>Agriculture</b>	0.56	0.8
<b>mining</b>	8.01	11.88
Coal Mining	35.4	52.78
Nature Gas	24.72	36.87
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1.18	1.75
Food	0.52	0.74
Beverage & Tobacco	0.4	0.57
Textiles	1.32	1.95
Clothes& Wearing Apparel	0.94	1.4
Leather& Leather Products	0.56	0.83
Wood & Bamboo Products	0.84	1.23
Furniture Products	-	-
Paper & Printing	1.4	2.08



	Denmark Tax	Sweden Tax
	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 22.2/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]
Rubber Products	1.02	1.5
Oil Refinery	23.85	35.58
Non-Metallic Mineral	2.48	3.72
Basic Metal	2.28	3.39
Metal Products	1.17	1.72
Machinery & Equipment	0.93	1.38
Elect. Mach. & Electronics	0.5	0.72
Transport Equipment	0.65	0.96
Miscellaneous	0.98	1.47
<b>Water, Electricity &amp; Gas</b>	9.67	14.42
Electricity	11.42	16.99
<b>Construction</b>	1.22	1.79
<b>Transportation &amp; Comm.</b>	0.85	1.12
<b>Services</b>	-	-
<b>Industry</b>	1.86	2.76
<b>GDP Deflator</b>	0.69	1.01

By imposing the 22-year progressive approach, the water, electricity and gas sector (14.42%) is affected the most in terms of a price increase among the seven one-digit sectors. It is followed by mining (11.88%), construction (1.79%), manufacturing (1.75%), transportation (1.12%) and agriculture (0.80%). The top five manufacturing sectors in terms of respective price increases are oil refining (35.58%), non-metallic minerals (3.72%), basic metals (3.39%), chemicals and plastics (2.57%) and paper & printing (2.08%).

To sum up, sectoral ranking in terms of the impact of price increases as a result of imposing the 22-year progressive carbon tax is identical with the case where the one-step carbon tax is used (see Tables 12 and 8).



## Effect on Output Growth

By comparing Table 13 with Table 9, we conclude that, when the 22-year progressive carbon tax is imposed, GDP will be reduced by 1.45 percent by 2020, which is less than the reduction from using a one-step approach (-1.57 percent). Similarly, the sectoral ranking in terms of the decrease in output as a result of imposing the 22-year progressive carbon tax is also the same as that in the case of the one-step carbon tax.





**Table 13 The Effect of Carbon Taxes on Output Growth by 2020  
(Progressive Approach)**

Unit :

	<b>Denmark Tax</b>	<b>Sweden Tax</b>
	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ $CO_2(Ton)$ ]	[U.S.\$ 22.2/ $CO_2(Ton)$ ]
<b>Agriculture</b>	-1.36	-2.03
<b>mining</b>	-3.53	-5.22
Coal Mining	-24.99	-33.03
Nature Gas	-10.79	-15.35
<b>Manufacturing</b>	-1.22	-1.81
Food	-0.31	-0.44
Beverage & Tobacco	-0.59	-0.82
Textiles	-0.84	-1.17
Clothes& Wearing Apparel	-0.66	-0.93
Leather& Leather Products	-0.57	-0.8
Wood & Bamboo Products	-1.01	-1.41
Furniture Products	-0.98	-1.38
Paper & Printing	-0.74	-1.04
Chemical & Plastic	-1.23	-1.73

	Denmark Tax	Sweden Tax
	[U.S.\$ 14.88/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]	[U.S.\$ 22.2/ $CO_2$ (Ton)]
Rubber Products	-0.39	-0.54
Oil Refinery	-18.12	-24.82
Non-Metallic Mineral	-1.95	-2.73
Basic Metal	-3.73	-3.97
Metal Products	-0.45	-0.63
Machinery & Equipment	-0.58	-0.82
Elect. Mach. & Electronics	-0.41	-0.58
Transport Equipment	-0.07	-0.09
Miscellaneous	-	-
<b>Water, Electricity &amp; Gas</b>	-7.9	-11.61
Electricity	-10.35	-14.66
<b>Construction</b>	-1.05	-1.57
<b>Transportation &amp; Comm.</b>	-2.34	-3.48
<b>Services</b>	-0.38	-0.57
<b>Industry</b>	-1.68	-2.5
<b>Whole economy</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>1.45</b>

## *Marginal Social Abatement Cost of CO2 Emissions*

Here, we define the marginal social abatement cost of CO2 emissions as the change in GDP divided by the change in CO2 emissions. The figures denoting the changes in both GDP and CO2 emissions are derived from various scenarios related to the carbon tax schemes mentioned above.

Table 14 present the marginal social abatement cost of CO2 reductions by employing various tax rate in 1999. We find that the marginal social abatement cost rises significantly with the increase in the targeted CO2 reduction. For instance, when the targeted CO2 reduction increases from 3.48 percent to 25.77 percent, the marginal social abatement cost will increase from NT\$1,982/ton to NT\$2,626/ton in 1999, a 25.50 percent increase.



# Table 14 Marginal Social Abatement Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction in Taiwan, 1999

Item Energy Tax Rate	(1) CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction rate	(2) Change of CO <sub>2</sub>	(3) GDP Change	(4) Change of GDP at 1999 prices	(5)=(4)/(2) MSAC at 1999 price
	(%)	(Thousands Tons)	(%)	(Thousands NT\$)	(NT\$/Ton)
<i>U.S.\$2.24/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton)</i>	-3.48	-7,292.91	-0.16	-14,455,692.25	1,982.16
<i>U.S.\$3.93/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton)</i>	-5.93	-12,420.62	-0.28	-25,353,491.26	2,041.24
<i>U.S.\$14.88/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton)</i>	-18.98	-39,756.97	-1.06	-95,544,841.93	2,403.22
<i>U.S.\$ 22.2/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton)</i>	-25.77	-53,988.15	-1.57	-141,766,352.80	2,625.88

Note:

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 1999 (base case) are obtained from the projection of MARKAL, provided by Ren-Tseng Young.

The GDP deflator projected by the DGBAS macroeconomic model is employed to convert the imputed abatement cost at 2000 prices into 1999 prices.

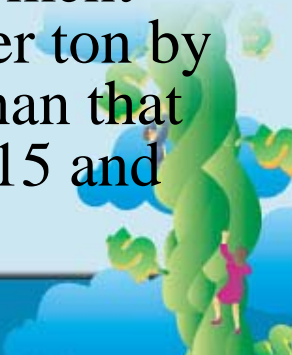
The marginal social abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> at 1999 present value is discounted by using the average interest rate of 10-year government bonds during 2000-2003.



To compare the abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emission by using “one-step” and “progressive” approach, a time path analysis is required. First, we estimate the impact of carbon tax on CO<sub>2</sub> emission and GDP year by year during 1999-2020. Second, a 5.38 percent discounted rate, which is the average government bond rate (ten years) during 1995-2003, is employed to discount the change of GDP at 1999 constant prices to the present value.

Taking the highest tax rate of (US\$22.2/CO<sub>2</sub>(Ton)) as an example, Table 15 and Table 16 present marginal social abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction during 1999-2020 by adopting “one-step” approach and “progressive” approach respectively.

We conclude that the average of marginal social abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction during 1999-2020 is NT\$1,442 per ton by “progressive” approach, which is a 16.8 percent lower than that of “one-step” approach (NT\$1,734 per ton). (See Table 15 and 16)



**Table 15 Marginal Social Abatement Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction in  
Taiwan, 1999-2020  
(One-Step Approach)**

U.S.\$ 22.2/CO<sub>2</sub> (Ton)

	1	2	3	4	5	(6)=(4)/(2)	(7) =(5)/(2)
	CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction rate	Change of CO <sub>2</sub>	GDP Change	Change of GDP at 1999 Prices	Change of GDP (present value)	MSAC	MSAC (present value)
	(%)	(Million Tons)	(%)	(Million NT\$)	(Million NT\$)	(NT\$/Ton)	(NT\$/Ton)
1999	-25.77	-53.99	-1.57	-141,766	-141,766	2626	2626
2000	-24.45	-53.08	-1.49	-141,232	-134,022	2661	2525
2001	-23.21	-52.19	-1.42	-140,729	-126,726	2696	2428
2002	-22.21	-51.74	-1.35	-140,438	-120,008	2714	2319
2003	-21.26	-51.30	-1.28	-140,178	-113,670	2732	2216
2004	-20.35	-50.88	-1.22	-139,947	-107,690	2751	2117
2005	-19.49	-50.48	-1.16	-139,748	-102,046	2769	2022
2006	-18.67	-50.09	-1.11	-139,577	-96,718	2787	1931
2007	-17.88	-49.72	-1.05	-139,436	-91,687	2805	1844
2008	-17.14	-49.36	-1.00	-139,324	-86,937	2823	1761

	1 CO2 Reduction rate	2 Change of CO2	3 GDP Change	4 Change of GDP at 1999 Prices	5 Change of GDP (present value)	(6)=(4)/(2) MSAC	(7) =(5)/(2) MSAC (present value)
	(%)	(Million Tons)	(%)	(Million NT\$)	(Million NT\$)	(NT\$/Ton)	(NT\$/Ton)
009	-16.43	-49.02	-0.96	-139,241	-82,449	2840	1682
010	-15.75	-48.70	-0.91	-139,186	-78,209	2858	1606
011	-15.10	-48.35	-0.87	-139,142	-74,192	2878	1534
012	-14.55	-48.29	-0.83	-139,261	-70,465	2884	1459
013	-13.88	-47.71	-0.79	-139,137	-66,808	2916	1400
014	-13.31	-47.41	-0.75	-139,176	-63,415	2935	1338
015	-12.78	-47.13	-0.72	-139,243	-60,207	2954	1277
016	-12.26	-46.87	-0.69	-139,339	-57,172	2973	1220
017	-11.77	-46.61	-0.65	-139,462	-54,301	2992	1165
018	-11.31	-46.38	-0.62	-139,613	-51,585	3010	1112
019	-10.86	-46.16	-0.60	-139,793	-49,014	3029	1062
020	-10.44	-45.95	-0.57	-140,001	-46,581	3047	1014
Total		1991.41		1,975,666	1,975,666	2992	1534

# Taiwan, 1999-2020 (Progressive Approach)

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	(1) CO2 Reduction rate	(2) Change of CO2	(3) GDP Change	(4) Change of GDP at 1999 Prices	(5) Change of GDP (present value)	(6)=(4)/(2) MSAC	(7) =(5)/(2) MSAC (present value)
	(%)	(Million Tons)	(%)	(Million NT\$)	(Million NT\$)	(NT\$/Ton)	(NT\$/Ton)
1999	-1.35	-2.83	-0.09	-8,330	-8,330	2946	2946
2000	-2.34	-5.08	-0.16	-14,799	-14,043	2914	2765
2001	-3.32	-7.47	-0.22	-21,854	-19,679	2925	2634
2002	-4.36	-10.15	-0.28	-29,622	-25,312	2920	2495
2003	-5.41	-13.05	-0.35	-38,107	-30,901	2920	2368
2004	-6.48	-16.20	-0.41	-47,365	-36,447	2925	2250
2005	-7.57	-19.60	-0.48	-57,454	-41,954	2932	2141
2006	-8.67	-23.27	-0.54	-68,427	-47,415	2940	2037
2007	-9.80	-27.23	-0.61	-80,358	-52,840	2951	1940
2008	-10.94	-31.50	-0.67	-93,339	-60,219	2943	1849
2009	-12.08	-35.77	-0.73	-106,320	-69,588	2940	1764
2010	-13.22	-40.04	-0.79	-119,299	-80,947	2940	1680
2011	-14.36	-44.31	-0.85	-132,278	-93,306	2940	1596
2012	-15.50	-48.58	-0.91	-145,257	-106,665	2940	1512
2013	-16.64	-52.85	-0.97	-158,236	-120,024	2940	1428
2014	-17.78	-57.12	-1.03	-171,215	-133,383	2940	1344
2015	-18.92	-61.39	-1.09	-184,194	-146,742	2940	1260
2016	-20.06	-65.66	-1.15	-197,173	-160,101	2940	1176
2017	-21.20	-69.93	-1.21	-210,152	-173,460	2940	1092
2018	-22.34	-74.20	-1.27	-223,131	-186,819	2940	1008
2019	-23.48	-78.47	-1.33	-236,110	-200,178	2940	924
2020	-24.62	-82.74	-1.39	-249,089	-213,537	2940	840



	(1) CO2 Reduction rate	(2) Change of CO2	(3) GDP Change	(4) Change of GDP at 1999 Prices	(5) Change of GDP (present value)	(6)=(4)/(2) MSAC	(7) =(5)/(2) MSAC (prese value)
	(%)	(Million Tons)	(%)	(Million NT\$)	(Million NT\$)	(NT\$/Ton)	(NT\$/Ton)
2009	-12.09	-36.08	-0.74	-107,327	-63,552	2975	1762
2010	-13.26	-40.99	-0.80	-122,518	-68,843	2989	1680
2011	-14.43	-46.20	-0.87	-138,912	-74,070	3007	1603
2012	-15.73	-52.20	-0.93	-156,883	-79,382	3006	1521
2013	-16.79	-57.72	-1.00	-175,728	-84,378	3045	1462
2014	-17.99	-64.05	-1.06	-196,328	-89,456	3065	1397
2015	-19.19	-70.80	-1.13	-218,515	-94,482	3086	1334
2016	-20.40	-77.99	-1.19	-242,392	-99,456	3108	1275
2017	-21.62	-85.62	-1.26	-268,067	-104,375	3131	1219
2018	-22.85	-93.73	-1.32	-295,655	-109,240	3154	1166
2019	-24.08	-102.32	-1.39	-325,271	-114,046	3179	1115
2020	-25.31	-111.44	-1.45	-357,049	-118,797	3204	1066
<b>Total</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>-995.50</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>-1,435,217</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1442</b>

# 6、 Conclusion and Policy Suggestions

From the above findings, we conclude that relying on a carbon tax to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by as much as 25 percent will have a significant effect on economic growth, the inflation rate as well as the marginal social abatement cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, if a one-step approach is applied. However, implementing a ‘progressive’ energy tax will lessen the negative effect on the economy. Consequently, it is recommended that the ‘progressive’ energy tax approach instead of the ‘one step’ energy tax approach be adopted.

It is recognized that the effect of tax revenue is not discussed here. In fact, this paper implicitly assumes that the tax revenue is used to reduce the government deficit. If the tax revenue can be used to reduce distortionary taxes elsewhere in the economy, such as income tax, the impact of the carbon tax on the economy will be reduced. This deserves further study in the future.

