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Overview

March 26, 2025 - Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC), Toyota Motor Asia (TMA), and Siam Cement Group (SCG), in collaboration with partner companies including Toyota Tsusho Corporation (TTC), have commenced a demonstration project for a stationary Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) utilizing vehicle batteries. Does Thailand need a battery energy storage system?

Thailand may lack the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) necessary to navigate supply and demand challenges. The 2024 PDP draft included 10,000 MW of BESS, but this may see the country struggle to fulfil carbon neutrality and Net Zero commitments over the coming decades.

Where is the battery energy storage system (BESS) demonstration being conducted?

The project is being conducted within the BESS area newly established on the premises of Siam Toyota Manufacturing (STM) in Thailand. Executives from TMC, TMA, and SCG, in collaboration with partner companies, celebrate the launch of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) demonstration in Thailand.

Is energy storage a viable business model in Thailand?

The Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA) of Thailand will explore the feasibility of energy storage business models in collaboration with Nuovo Plus, a subsidiary of state-owned oil and gas company PTT Group.

How many Bess projects were approved in Thailand in 2022?

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Why is battery storage a problem in Thailand?

This is partly due to a lack of clarity on how battery storage fits into existing electricity infrastructure. In 2022, the Thai government approved 24 BESS projects, all of which were located alongside solar operations. Their total combined storage capacity was 994 MW.

How many mw can a solar generator store in Thailand?

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