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Tuvalu Space-Based Solar Base Station



Overview

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“The project is under the Pacific Renewable Energy Investment Facility and has a \$6 million support. It is ADB’s first for Tuvalu’s energy sector,” the ADB said in a statement. “The project also installed solar PV in the outer islands of Nui, Nukufetau, and Nukulaelae.”

How much energy does Tuvalu use a year?

Like many Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Tuvalu has been heavily reliant on imported fuel for its diesel-based power generation system. Through this new FSPV system 174.2 megawatts per hour of electricity will be generated each year, meeting two percent of Funafuti’s annual energy demand.

What is Tuvalu doing with the ADB?

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Could a new power station capture solar energy from space?

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Why is China investing in a space solar power station?

China is investing in SBSP to secure a continuous and sustainable source of renewable energy, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and lead the global clean energy race. The space station could provide power 24/7 and help meet rising energy demands. Is China's space solar power station safe for humans and the environment?

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