



Press Release

WSSET is proud to announce that The Right Honourable, The Lord Prescott has agreed to become Honorary President of the World Society for Sustainable Energy Technologies (WSSET).



John Prescott has been a member of British Parliament for a record 40 years representing Hull East as the Labour member of Parliament from 1970 to 2010 and was Deputy Prime Minister from 1997 to 2007, thus becoming the longest-serving UK deputy prime minister with his 10-year term. Whilst Deputy PM he held an expanded brief as Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

During this time, he was passionate about improving the energy efficiency of the UK housing stock and he vigorously opposed the privatisation of the rail industry. John Prescott focused on to the role of the car in the wider environmental picture and the need for effective public transport alternatives in order to reduce the volume of cars on the roads.

One of his greatest political legacies may be the Thames Gateway, an enormous area of land including much brownfield land, which became a national priority for urban regeneration, taking advantage of the development opportunities realised by the completion of High Speed 1.

John Prescott was the EU negotiator, a key broker of the Kyoto Protocol, leading the UK EU delegation. In October 2015, he was presented with the Shechtman International Leadership Award at SIPS 2015 (Sustainable Industrial Processing Summit) in Antalya, Turkey, for his contributions to sustainable development in politics.

Prescott was awarded a life peerage in 2010 becoming **Baron Prescott**, of Kingston upon Hull in the County of East Yorkshire and he continues to campaign on issues involving the environment, energy and sustainability from the House of Lords. He is currently the Council of Europe Chair of the Environment Committee dealing with climate change.

With his numerous associations in Africa and China, Lord Prescott will be a great asset to WSSET in helping to forge new links and strengthen existing ones in these important areas. He will also attend and address the forthcoming SET2019, the 18th International Conference on Sustainable Energy Technologies, will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 20th– 22nd August 2019.

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Note to editors

World Society of Sustainable Technologies (WSSET)

World Society of Sustainable Energy Technologies, is a non-profit organisation led by Professor Saffa Riffat, Head of Buildings, Energy and Environment Group at the University of Nottingham.

WSSET has played an important role in consolidating practical partnerships between academic and industrial organizations, as well as promoting sustainable development/technologies worldwide. The role of WSSET is becoming increasingly important as the world seeks new solutions to problems arising from climate change, energy shortages and economic crisis.

WSSET promotes sustainable development to minimize the impact of climate change and has a mandate from the world community to set the proper direction for development of a sustainable urban environment as our legacy to future generations.