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ABSTRACT

China is a country with the largest population in the world. With its large population, it requires large of electrical energy in running the country's economy. China is also the first state in Mekong regions which has the ability to take another potency for its self. China needs alot of energy power for supplying its millions of populations activities. Since by using the nuclear energy is too risky for its populations, the hydro power energy becomes the best solution to overcome the energy crisis. Using clean energy is the dream of many countries. Mekong River is one of the rivers which supported China's government projects to satisfy the national energy. China is one of the countries that is very aggressive in exploiting energy resources, especially hydropower. Since Manwan Dam is really successful, China Huaneng Group sees more potencies from Mekong River that encourage them to build 8 more dams. China Huaneng Group tried to seek hegemony in Mekong River, but the problem comes from states in lower Mekong River. Mekong River does not only belong to one state but it belongs to others countries such as Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Those countries are the states under Mekong River which need that river too. They need Mekong River for their society in economic, agriculture and transportation aspects. Although it's good for China, it does not mean that it's good for lower Mekong as well actually, the dams save a lot of water for the needs of the state, but the problem is when in dry season the water do not distribute well like in other seasons. Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam are countries that are very active in the plantation sector and agriculture. Especially for Thailand as the country with good food growth rate, obviously would needs water to irrigate its rice fields and plantation areas. This undergraduate thesis will be describe how is China's policy toward that issue.

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