

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

China is a country that is very active in utilizing water resources in the Mekong River. It can be viewed by the action of China in building dams in Yunnan province as a clean energy. Clean energy from hydropower is generating new problems such as the problems of environment, fish immigration, and flooding. So China should look for appropriate steps in solving the problem.

China got a lot of criticisms from downstream countries regarding the exploitation of water for establishing clean energy. It makes China has to implement some strategies against the lower Mekong countries such as multilateral and bilateral relations. In multilateral relations China conducts cooperative relationship with the MRC. This relationship has already discussed the Mekong River issues for a long time. Implementing the multilateral relations between China and the countries of the lower Mekong means that there is a co-participation of China in the Mekong River Commission summits for discussing and working together for the development. It is also advised that the integration of planning efforts in regards to practical corporation, and strategies development should be more connected and aligned. Enhancing cooperation on hydropower development. While in the bilateral relations, China is trying to share the Mekong potential power to the lower Mekong countries.

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