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Comparative study of combustion characteristics using Jatropha oil methyl esters biodiesel and diesel

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Introduction

Nowadays, economic property of a nation can be determined by its per capita energy consumption. As can be seen in Figure , most of the developing countries’ gross domestic product per kg of oil used to produce energy increases as time flows. This indicates that at the present time, energy plays a very important role in economy.

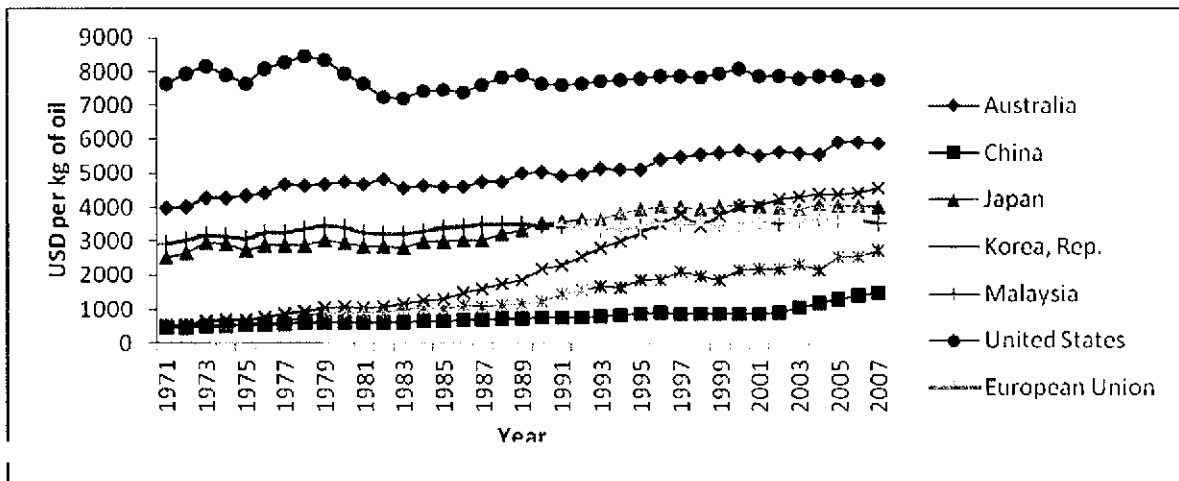


Figure 1. GDP per energy use (USD per kg of oil)

An alternative energy such as oil from fruits or vegetables, which is also known as biodiesel, is very encouraged to replace the scarce crude oil resources. Now, bio-fuels are getting a new attention because of global stress on reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and clean development mechanism (CDM). CDM is one of the policies that create opportunities to use biodiesels originating from developing countries to contribute to CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction goals and solve energy supply matter (Rao, 2006). Biodiesel is becoming more significant and can demonstrate to be a replacement of diesel and can be produced from vegetable oil resources. Some of them can be used directly while some of them still need to be formulated to have the similar properties to the conventional diesels before can be replaced. The