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# President touts Taiwan's achievements in carbon reduction

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Taipei, Nov. 4 (CNA) President Ma Ying-jeou said Tuesday that the government's efforts to reduce Taiwan's energy consumption and carbon emissions have shown results after overcoming "tremendous challenges."

From 2008 to 2013, Taiwan's energy intensity -- the amount of energy needed to produce a unit of GDP -- decreased by 2.45 percent per year on average, Ma said while addressing a symposium held by the Asian Productivity Organization in Taipei.

Also, the country's carbon dioxide emissions dropped by 0.37 percent annually on average during the same period, with emissions per unit of GDP down by an average 3.11 percent per year, he said.

He said that Taiwan used to account for 0.91 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions before 2008, although the country's population was only 0.3 percent of the world's total.

Its emissions have now fallen to 0.84 percent, and Taiwan now ranks 24th among global emissions producers, compared with 18th six years ago, said Ma, who became president in May 2008.

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