

# Call for energy cooperation

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JAKARTA has called for more energy cooperation between South-east Asian countries and beyond to cope with rising consumption.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said joint efforts could capitalise on the strengths of Asean states, including fossil-fuel producers Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei.

Indonesia's plan realises "that some of us are oil-producing countries and others have capital to be shared in building refineries, in trading, in many things, including in developing bioenergy," he said on Sunday.

Plans were under way to produce a South-east Asian electricity grid, he noted. He said Asia-Pacific nations could consider forging alliances with regions such as the Middle East.

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