



## Press Announcement

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### IEA and Republic of Indonesia Agree to Closer Energy Co-operation

The Indonesian government and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have agreed to work closely together in tackling common energy challenges. In a ceremony today at the IEA headquarters in Paris, IEA Executive Director Nobuo Tanaka, along with the members of the IEA Governing Board, welcomed the Indonesian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, H.E. Dr. Purnomo Yusgiantoro and his delegation. IEA Deputy Executive Director Richard H. Jones and the Indonesian Deputy Minister Bambang Dwiyanto then signed a Letter of Intent on energy co-operation. Both sides expressed the hope that this step will help to provide a durable framework for undertaking bilateral programmes and activities to assist Indonesian energy policy and management, and foster a two-way exchange of information and data. “Indonesia is a key partner for us”, said Mr. Tanaka. “It is an important energy-producing country, but also faces challenges as a major energy consumer. The Indonesians’ presence at the IEA today is an important milestone for our relationship. This also symbolises our increased efforts to work more closely with countries beyond our membership.”

The Republic of Indonesia and the IEA agreed that their co-operation will focus on a broad range of topics such as: optimising the energy mix, including renewable energy; oil and natural gas emergency preparedness; energy efficiency; environment and climate change; cleaner technologies and technology deployment; energy research and development; energy information and statistics. Both parties will jointly plan and co-ordinate specific activities such as reviewing and analysing policies and issues, participation of Indonesian officials in various IEA fora including IEA network on research and development, training and human exchanges. Mr. Tanaka said, “It is critical that we will have much more interaction. Of particular importance is building a working relationship through the interaction of people – from policy makers and energy experts to statisticians. By doing so, we will create further opportunities of co-operation. It is not only good for Indonesia and IEA member countries; it also provides benefit to the region and the world as we all face serious energy security and sustainability challenges.”

The tradition of dialogue between the IEA and Indonesia on energy issues started in 2006. In close collaboration with and at the invitation of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, a team of energy policy peers, co-ordinated by the IEA, undertook a thorough analysis of the country’s energy policy (similar to the policy reviews the IEA performs in its member countries) and published its result just last November: The IEA *Energy Policy Review of Indonesia 2008* was a milestone work for co-operation. The report highlighted six key priority areas for government action such as progressively and transparently reducing fuel and electricity subsidies, ensuring energy policy is properly and fully implemented, improving the clarity of the investment framework, helping the energy regulators do their job more effectively, and harnessing a sustainable development agenda, particularly renewable energy and energy efficiency. The Review also commended the establishment of the new National Energy Council under the new Energy Law as a very useful step in examining and approving major energy policy changes. “It was the first comprehensive IEA energy policy review of an Asian non-member country. I hope this publication will be a reference point for energy policy discussion in Indonesia and will help the international community to understand the progress that has been made and the challenges the country still faces in terms of energy policy.”

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