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JAPAN TO HELP APEC COUNTRIES CUT ENERGY USE

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Japan plans to offer its energy-saving technologies to other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) countries under a joint effort to cap growing energy demand, a newspaper said Wednesday.

Tokyo is expected to announce the plan when APEC energy ministers begin talks in South Korea on Wednesday ahead of their summit in mid-November, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun said.

Under the plan, Japan will provide its APEC partners with energy-saving systems developed in each industry, including electric power, automobiles, steel and electronics, the business daily said.

In addition to technology transfers, Japan is considering dispatching specialists and subsidizing Japanese companies' energy-saving-related businesses abroad, Nihon Keizai said.

Japan believes global carbon dioxide emissions would fall 10-20 percent if major industries worldwide improved their energy efficiencies to the level already achieved in Japan.