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Is Southeast Asia a good place to invest in energy storage?

Image: ACEN. There has been an uptick in energy storage investment in Southeast Asia, a region still largely powered by coal and experiencing high growth in population and energy demand. Andy Colthorpe speaks with companies working to establish a framework of opportunities in the region.

Why is energy security important in Southeast Asia?

Despite wide disparities in economic development, resource endowments and market maturity, energy security is a common priority for the region. Concurrently, coal-fired power has remained a significant component of Southeast Asia's energy mix.

How much money does Southeast Asia invest in energy?

However, fossil fuel investment decreased from USD 70 billion in 2015 to USD 50 billion in 2025 while clean energy investment reached USD 47 billion, up from 30 billion in 2015. Given the challenges of accessing international capital markets, Southeast Asia's capital markets have relied on domestic commercial lending.

Does Southeast Asia have a coal-fired power system?

Concurrently, coal-fired power has remained a significant component of Southeast Asia's energy mix. Investment in coal plants has risen steadily throughout the past 20 years, reaching 121 GW of installed capacity in 2025.

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