JAKARTA: Indonesian President Susiyo Bambang Yudhoyono said the article written by former Malaysian Information Minister, Tan Sri Zainuddin Maidin on Indonesia's third President BJ Habibie, was improper and unethical. The article, he said could jeopardize the good ties between Indonesia and Malaysia.

"We have worked it out, the foreign minister will take diplomatic notes both here and in Kuala Lumpur," Yudhoyono was quoted by Antara news agency as published by English daily The Jakarta Post, Tuesday. Yudhoyono who is leaving on Tuesday for Malaysia to attend the annual consultation, the highest forum in Malaysia-Indonesia in bilateral ties, said Indonesia would raise the issues of mutual respect and tolerance during the meeting, so that similar incidents would not recur to obstruct friendship between both countries. Zainuddin's article is considered by many in Indonesia as offensive toward Habibie.

Meanwhile, Presidential spokesman Teuku Faizasyah said the president would also raise priority issues including protection for Indonesians working in Malaysia, the boundary, trade and investment at the meeting.

Yudhoyono will have a private, face-to-face meeting with Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak before leading the Indonesian delegation at the ninth annual consultations. Universiti Utara Malaysia is scheduled to confer the president with an honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership of Peace. — Bernama