

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**IPTC Project Director, Asia Pacific: Cordella Wong-Gillett****IPTC A SUCCESS IN THE LAND OF SMILES**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (3 March 2012) – The 5th International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC), hosted by Thailand's national oil company, PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited (PTTEP) a company of PTT Group, took place from 7-9 February 2012 at the Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld in Bangkok, Thailand. This successful event attracted 4,113 delegates representing 57 countries and more than 600 organisations.

The Opening Ceremony included remarks by government officials such as H.E Arak Chonlathanont, Minister of Energy, Thailand; H.E. Dr. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in Charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Chairman, Cambodian National Petroleum Authority, Kingdom of Cambodia; H.E. Mohamed Bin Dhaen Al-Hamli, Minister of Energy, United Arab Emirates; H.E. Dr. Mohammed Hamed Al-Rumhy, Minister of Oil & Gas, Oman; Norkun Sitthiphong, PTT Plc. and PTT Exploration & Production Plc. Board Chairman and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Thailand; and Mahmoud M. Abdulbaqi, IPTC Board Chairman and Chairman, Argas.

The high attendance at the Executive Plenary Session and Topical Luncheon, demonstrated the importance of IPTC as a vehicle for the international oil and gas community to keep abreast of the latest industry developments and technology advancements. Moreover, attendees enjoyed a high-impact technical programme consisting of over 300 papers presented in 60 technical sessions, one poster presentation and four panel sessions drawing average of 200 delegates per session.

IPTC's Excellence in Project Integration Award, which recognises achievements in executing multi-disciplinary projects from discovery to delivery, was presented to Shell Brazil Ltd. for the project, Parque das Conchas.

The Young Professionals Workshop held in conjunction with IPTC, attracted 70 young professionals from around Asia and Europe and stressed the importance of creativity and innovative technology in tackling the changing oil and gas industry environment.

The Education Days programme, developed for high school students in Thailand as an initiative to introduce students to the discipline of engineering, geosciences and the oil and gas industry was a resounding success, with several ministers taking a special interest in the project displays during his exhibition tour. Each school presented a project on the theme "*My World, My Future: Clean and Green Energy*" and winning schools received prize money worth between THB 10,000, and THB 30,000.

The Education Week programme designed to give the best final year university students a clear insight into the oil and gas industry, and to work together on a joint technical project at the conference, was proven to be a great success, with 90 students representing 53 universities from 26 countries participating. "The Education Week gives a balance between personal development, environmental responsibility and profit making, showing that they should go hand in hand. The energy industry is really fascinating as it provides jobs and opportunities for the new generation" said Thomas Chase from Marietta College, Ohio USA.

The first ever Teachers' Day organised at IPTC proved to be successful with teachers from around Thailand attending the event. A seminar was organised for teachers to better understand what the industry can offer their students and classrooms.

Over 2,674 square metres of exhibition space enabling 56 exhibitors from 19 countries to showcase their technology and innovations in the energy sector. Aside from displaying new products, services and latest innovations, IPTC exhibits also function as information pools for recent graduates looking for prospective jobs in the oil and gas industry.

IPTC is a collaborative effort among the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE), the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). The synergies between these four, leading professional societies result in the most comprehensive, multi-disciplinary technical programme among oil and gas conferences worldwide.

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