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Partnership and Innovation: The Silk Road towards a Sustainable Energy Future

26 March 2019, Beijing, China – The 11th International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) was launched today in Beijing with over 2,400 participants, sponsors and exhibitors from over 50 countries already registered as of opening day to take part in this three-day event.

Taking place from 26-28 March 2019 at the Beijing International Convention Centre, IPTC 2019 is hosted by China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and co-hosted by Saudi Aramco. Themed “Partnership and Innovation: The Silk Road towards a Sustainable Energy Future”, the event was officially launched today by Wang Yilin, Chairman of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and Amin H. Nasser, President and CEO of Saudi Aramco.

Wang Dongjin, IPTC Executive Committee Co-Chairman and President and Director, CNOOC; and Mohammed Y. Al-Qahtani, IPTC Executive Committee Co-Chairman and Senior Vice President, Upstream, Saudi Aramco opened the CEO Plenary Session that featured a high-level dialogue with Wang Yilin, Chairman, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC); Amin H. Nasser, President and CEO, Saudi Aramco; Patrick Pouyanne, CEO, Total; and Peter Coleman, CEO and Managing Director, Woodside Energy Ltd.

Over the next three days, participants will hear from C-level executives and technical gurus, gain invaluable insights from a comprehensive technical programme, and experience a showcase of leading-edge technology and innovations at the event’s exhibition.

The future of the global oil and gas industry is recognised with a very strong educational strand running through IPTC. Yesterday saw the Emerging Leaders Workshop themed “The Role of Young Professionals in the Transformation to Industry 4.0: Innovate to Fuel Tomorrow” designed for young professionals and highlights how they can benefit and acquire the skillset required to lead the transformation. A full house of attendees heard from Zhao Wenzhi, Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering and President, RIPED, CNPC and executives from Saudi Aramco, PETRONAS, IBM Science and Technology Center and Baker Hughes, a GE company.

The multidisciplinary conference programme comprises high-level and interactive conference sessions with insights from industry leaders and expert-led discussions. Sessions include panel sessions, Ask the Expert sessions, more than 70 technical sessions, project case study, Integrated Project Award sessions and over 450 technical papers covering topics such as drilling, completions, unconventionals, cognitive computing and machine systems, development and production, geosciences, LNG, reservoir and project management. Sponsoring and exhibiting companies include CNPC, Saudi Aramco, Baker Hughes, a GE company, CNOOC, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Equinor, ExxonMobil, Hess, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC), PETRONAS, PTTEP, Sapura Energy, Schlumberger, Shell, Sinopec, Total, Weatherford, Woodside and more.
Wang Yilin, Chairman, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) giving his remarks at the Opening Ceremony

Amin H. Nasser, President and CEO, Saudi Aramco giving his remarks at the Opening Ceremony

The official launch of the 11th International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC)
About IPTC
The International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) rotates between Asia Pacific and the Middle East. IPTC is organised to further the advancement of scientific and technological knowledge related to the exploration, development, production, transportation and processing of oil and natural gas.

The 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 synergy of these four leading, individual member-driven societies provides the most comprehensive opportunity to form multi-disciplinary committees and an outstanding technical programme.

Note to Editors
Hi-res images of the event are available upon request.

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