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Inspiring the Next Generation of Oil and Gas Professionals at IPTC

Bangkok, Thailand (28 OCTOBER 2016) – With the demographic challenge that the global oil and gas industry faces in mind, the tenth edition of the International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) - to be held at the Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld from 14–16 November 2016 – will feature a comprehensive agenda aimed at those looking to start or further their careers in the oil and gas industry.

On one hand, a generation of experienced professionals is approaching retirement, while on the other hand, there are insufficient graduates from the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum entering the industry. To address this challenge, the industry must work on a number of fronts: enlightening and educating students and teachers in order to attract graduates from relevant disciplines into the industry, and investing in knowledge transfer and nurturing of young professionals in the initial years of their careers.

At the Emerging Leaders Workshop – themed “Emerging Leaders: The Catalyst for Innovation and Efficiency Excellence” – enthusiastic oil and gas young professionals will have the opportunity to engage with industry experts on solutions for a sustainable energy future. This will include examining real life industry case studies, and working and presenting their findings in a group. Senior industry executives from the PTT Group, BMT Mercury Technology International, ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Malaysia Inc, PETRONAS Carigali Brunei Ltd, Schlumberger and PTTEP are due to speak at the workshop.

International science, geoscience and engineering undergraduates considering a career in the oil and gas industry will take part in the Education Week. Attendees will learn about different career paths and the reality of working in a particular discipline from experienced industry professionals, working together on a joint technical project and extending their network.

Hands-on experience and insights from energy professionals are in store for local high school students and teachers during the Education Days and Teachers’ Day at IPTC. In addition to getting an introduction to petroleum engineering and the industry in general, the students will participate in a science project that will be presented, judged and displayed at the exhibition.

IPTC will also feature an executive plenary session, five panel discussions, four ‘Ask the Expert’ sessions and an outstanding multi-disciplinary technical programme where over 250 technical papers will be delivered across 53 sessions. Over 4,000 participants from around the globe including senior government officials, industry leaders and technical professionals are due to converge in Bangkok for this opportunity to network and exchange perspectives.

This edition of IPTC is hosted by Thailand’s national oil company, PTTEP, and the principal sponsor is Halliburton.

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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.

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