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TALENTED NEXT GENERATION KEEN TO STEP UP AS 10TH IPTC COMES TO A CLOSE

Bangkok, Thailand (16 NOVEMBER 2016) – The 10th International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) came to a close in Bangkok today with an attendance of over 3,700 industry professionals from 51 countries. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand graciously presided over the Opening Ceremony. The event drew speakers from the highest echelons of government, operators, service providers, advisory and research firms, and academia. In addition, 67 undergraduates took part in Education Week, and 78 high school students and 36 teachers joined in the Education and Teachers' Days programme.

Hosted by PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited (PTTEP) and under the theme "Innovation and Efficiency Excellence for our Energy Future", the event featured a ministerial address, high-level plenary and panel sessions, a comprehensive multidisciplinary technical programme, exhibition, emerging leaders workshop and various educational activities.

How the global oil and gas industry can continue attracting graduates in relevant disciplines into the industry, as well as nurturing young professionals in the initial years of their careers, has been a focus of discussions over the past three days at IPTC.

A record number of oil and gas young professionals gained exclusive insights from industry experts earlier in the week at the Emerging Leaders Workshop. Under the theme "Emerging Leaders: The Catalyst for Innovation and Efficiency", participants heard from senior industry executives from the **PTT Group, BMT Mercury Technology International, ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Malaysia Inc, PETRONAS Carigali Brunei Ltd, Schlumberger** and **PTTEP**. Speaking during the workshop, Amirah Zakariah from PETRONAS, Emerging Leaders Workshop Subcommittee Co-Chair enthused: "The 135 participants this year came from various countries and companies, which have sent their young professionals here to benefit from the learning and networking".

Today saw the culmination of Education Week with the judging of group technical projects developed by international science, geoscience and engineering undergraduates. Meanwhile, Education Days and Teachers' Day ran in parallel to the conference. The programmes introduced local high school students and teachers to the energy industry, its benefit to our everyday lives, emerging technologies and career opportunities. The students also participated in a science project that was presented, judged and displayed at the exhibition earlier in the week.

Bringing the conference proceedings to a close, Somporn Vongvuthipornchai, President and CEO of PTTEP and 10th IPTC Executive Committee Chairman thanked all participants, students, delegates, committee members, authors, exhibitors and sponsors for making IPTC "a big success". He said: "We have heard executives share their perspectives, exchanged technical knowledge, made new friends and given the future generation an insight into the industry."

The next edition of IPTC in Asia will take place in Beijing from the 26th to 28th March 2019.

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Kanit Sangwongwanich, IPTC Technical Programme Committee Co-Chair and Executive Vice President Engineering and Development Group, PTTEP delivering IPTC 2016 highlights in numbers at the Closing Session



The crowd at the IPTC 2016 Closing Session



The Industry Executive Panel Session in progress at the IPTC 2016 Emerging Leaders Workshop



IPTC 2016 Education Week undergraduates during a field trip at PTTEP Core Research Centre (PCRC)



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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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