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Optimism Abound in Offshore Energy at OTC Asia 2018

23 March 2018, Kuala Lumpur – The third edition of the Offshore Technology Conference Asia (OTC Asia) came to a close in Kuala Lumpur today with an attendance of 19,003 attendees from 71 countries. Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Minister in the Malaysian Prime Minister’s Department officiated the event. The event drew speakers from the highest echelons of government, national oil companies, operators, service providers, advisory and research firms, and academia.

Speaking at today’s closing ceremony, **Datuk Mohd Anuar Taib, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Upstream of PETRONAS** extended his appreciation to all the committee members, speakers, delegates, exhibitors, students and volunteers - as well as sponsors and supporters - for making the third edition of OTC Asia a resounding success.

He commented, “PETRONAS as the Corporate Supporting Organisation for OTC Asia, we’re proud to see the continued support from all the energy companies and energy experts for this week’s event. With stronger integration, better collaboration and a tighter network, we can continue to deliver reliable, affordable and sustainable energy to the world”.

With PETRONAS as the corporate supporting organisation and under the theme “Excellence in Asia”, the event featured 10 high-level plenary and panel sessions, 15 focused country and special sessions, 40+ multidisciplinary technical sessions, 300+ interactive technical presentations and dialogues and an expansive, leading-edge exhibition showcase.

Wafik Beydoun, OTC Board Chairman, also praised the planning committees and volunteers for organising, three engaging educational programmes. 153 young professionals participated at The Next Wave programme, 185 high school students and teachers took part in the High School Student STEM programme, and 111 undergraduates and professors joined the University R&D Showcase and Challenge.

The Spotlight on New TechnologySM Awards recognised and showcased the latest and most advanced hardware and software technologies that are propelling the industry into the future. The 2018 winning technologies were developed by ConocoPhillips, Halliburton, NGL Tech, Schlumberger, TechnipFMC and Weatherford. The inaugural Distinguished Achievements Awards recognised major technological, humanitarian, environmental, and leadership contributions to the industry in the region. Simon Ong was honoured with the Distinguished Achievement Award for Individuals for his contributions to the offshore sector; PETRONAS was presented the OTC Asia Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of their ground-breaking PFLNG Satu project; and Special Citations were presented to Datuk Abdullah Karim for his outstanding leadership and key role in delivering the PFLNG Satu project, and Michael Utsler was recognised for his achievements as a technical pioneer, inspiring leader and dedicated mentor.

The next edition of OTC Asia will be held in Kuala Lumpur from 24-27 March 2020.

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Datuk Mohd Anuar Taib, OTC Asia Advisory Committee Member and Executive Vice President & CEO, Upstream, PETRONAS giving his remarks at the Closing Session of OTC Asia 2018.



Tan Sri Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin, OTC Asia Advisory Committee Chairman, and President and Group Chief Executive Officer, PETRONAS and Wafik Beydoun, Wafik Beydoun, OTC Board of Directors Chair at the Closing Session of OTC Asia 2018.

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Founded in 1969, OTC's flagship conference is held annually in Houston. OTC has expanded technically and globally with the Arctic Technology Conference, OTC Brasil and OTC Asia. OTC events are brought to you by organisations that cover all aspects of the offshore energy industry.

About OTC Asia 2018

The Offshore Technology Conference Asia (OTC Asia) is where energy professionals meet to exchange ideas and opinions to advance scientific and technical knowledge for offshore resources and environmental matters.

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