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Asia as the Hub for Innovative Technologies and Cost-Effective Solutions

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (29 March 2017) – The Offshore Technology Conference Asia (OTC Asia) 2018 was launched at a reception this evening. The biennial OTC Asia will return to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 20 – 23 March 2018.

Datuk Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin, OTC Asia Advisory Committee Chairman and President and Group CEO, **PETRONAS** said, “The oil and gas industry is now coping with the challenges of volatile oil prices. This tough environment offers great opportunities for players to redefine their focus. Now more than ever, Asia plays a vital role in leading the global industry into becoming more resilient. As we continue to adapt to the new energy era, this conference is an important platform to gain insights into Asia’s energy outlook and dynamism”, in a video recording at the launch.

Continuing with the theme “Excellence in Asia” with PETRONAS as the Corporate Supporting Organisation, OTC Asia 2018 will host engaging discussions and stimulating debates on various offshore energy trends and topics. The conference aims to look into what it takes to remain resilient and responsive to a dynamic energy market. Asia has and will continue to play a crucial role in both leading and advocating long-term sustainability for the energy market.

Neil Kavanagh, OTC Asia Oversight Committee Chairman and Chief Science and Technology Manager, **Woodside Energy Ltd.**, remarked that the challenging market condition demands past practices and norms to be fully evaluated whilst seeking fit-for-purpose, affordable and innovative solutions such as digitisation and new business models. “We are pleased that OTC Asia is returning to Kuala Lumpur. We expect to host more than 25,000 participants from over 70 countries; more than 450 thought leaders and technical expert speakers; more than 70 conference sessions with 350 technical papers; and with over 270 sponsoring and exhibiting organisations.”

Held in conjunction with the conference and exhibition are educational components such as The Next Wave and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programme catered for young professionals and students, and the Spotlight on New Technology Award, which recognises the latest and most advanced technologies from Asia Pacific. New at OTC Asia 2018 are the University R&D Showcase for regional universities to showcase their R&D projects, and the OTC Distinguished Award programme, which commends the major technological, humanitarian, safety, environmental, and leadership contributions to the industry.

Speaking at the launch, Datuk Mohd Anuar Taib, Executive Vice President and CEO, Upstream, **PETRONAS** shared that, “What is more important is the spirit of volunteerism that OTC Asia and its sponsoring associations promote. My request is that it’s a success that we must make together. And that success is founded on the willingness of all of us to volunteer... It is an effort that all of us in this industry needs to give so that we can all grow together.”

The collaboration of thirteen of the energy industry’s leading professional associations ensures a balanced technical programme highlighting Asia’s crucial role in the global energy mix. The multi-disciplinary programme features multiple high-level executive plenary sessions, panel sessions, country briefings, various technical paper presentations across sessions covering diverse aspects of the offshore energy resources industry and a leading-edge exhibition. Participating organisations include **Baker Hughes, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, GE Oil & Gas, Halliburton, MIDA, MODEC, Mubadala Petroleum, PETRONAS, PTTEP, Sapura Energy, Schlumberger, Shell, TechnipFMC, Weatherford** and more.

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Datuk Mohd Anuar Taib, Executive Vice President and CEO, Upstream, PETRONAS speaking at the OTC Asia 2018 launch and reception.



Neil Kavanagh, OTC Asia Oversight Committee Chairman and Chief Science and Technology Manager, Woodside Energy Ltd. giving his remarks at the OTC Asia 2018 launch.



The Offshore Technology Conference Asia (OTC Asia) 2018 was officially launched at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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About OTC

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 is sponsored by 13 industry organisations and societies, who work cooperatively to develop the programme each year. OTC also has two endorsing organisations and ten supporting organisations.

About OTC Asia 2018

The Offshore Technology Conference Asia (OTC Asia) 2018 will be held from 20 – 23 March 2018 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. PETRONAS is the exclusive Corporate Supporting Organisation for OTC Asia 2018.

OTC Asia is where energy professionals meet to exchange ideas and opinions to advance scientific and technical knowledge for offshore resources and environmental matters.

The Call for Papers is now open. Submission deadline is 10 May 2017. More information can be found at 2018.otcasia.org.

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