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Oil and gas meet to cover broader scope

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THE Second Annual Asia Oil and Gas Conference & Exhibition 1997 to be held in Kuala Lumpur next month will cover a broader scope on energy trends.

While last year's conference was on individual country and prospects in each country, this year's event will focus on challenges and analysis of the current issues in the industry and future trends, Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) president Mirzan Mahathir said.

Asli, which is co-organising the two-day event with Conference Connection, said Acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will officiate at the conference and present the keynote address on June 9.

Themed "Asia: Preparing for the Next Millennium", the event will be hosted by Petroliam Nasional Bhd (Petronas).

"Response from participants have been good; we even registered some participants from Europe. This year, we are expecting more than 400 people in the conference," Mirzan said in a press conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Mirzan said some 30 foreign and local prominent speakers who are experts in the oil and gas industry, will present 16 topics addressing future trends, strategic issues and challenges facing the petroleum industry in the Asia- Pacific region.

The event will bring together key players in the oil and gas industry to deliberate on issues concerning the economy, governmental regulations, the deregulation process, supply availability as well as future direction of the petroleum industry.

Speakers for the event read like "who's who" of the petroliam industry.

"The event will be the premier forum for companies to interact, discuss common issues and areas for mutual co-operation and forge new strategic alliances," he said.

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