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ASCOPE'S CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ATTRACTS MANY PARTICIPANTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25 (Bernama) -- The Seventh Asean Council on Petroleum (ASCOPE) Conference and Exhibition, themed "Forging Towards a New Order in the Oil and Gas Industry," has attracted wide participation from all Asean and non-Asean countries scheduled from Nov 5-8 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

Petronas will play host to the conference and some 30 speakers comprising industry experts, policy and decision makers have confirmed their participation.

Prime Minister Datuk Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to grace the event. with a special luncheon to be held on Nov 7.

OPEC secretary-general, Dr Ali Rodgrigues Araque will deliver a paper titled "Forging a New Order in the Petroleum Industry: The Challenges Ahead" on Nov 5.

This year's event will highlight and draw insights into the New Order emerging in the global oil and gas industry in keeping with the structural changes taking place within the industry.

Participants attending the conference will get up to date information on issues facing the industry.

It will also touch on energy security and sustainable development and opportunities and challenges in the industry's upstream activities and the value-added downstream business chain.

The proposed Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline (TAGP) project, ASCOPE's pet subject, will be dwelt at the conference.

The conference and exhibition will boast a "Trade Fair" concept, integrating trade and business opportunities into the event's main programme.

The ASCOPE Centre for Business Opportunities will be set up at the PWTC to provide a platform for interaction and networking among delegates.

There, delegates will gain first-hand information on policies and procedures for doing business with ASEAN's National Oil Companies (NCOs).

It is expected that through the centre, new business contacts will be forged and old alliance renewed, thus strengthening and enhancing relationships within the global oil and gas fraternity. -- BERNAMA

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