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PETRONAS TO ORGANISE EIGHTH ANNUAL ASIA OIL AND GAS CONFERENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- The Eighth Annual Asia Oil And Gas Conference (AOGC 2003) will be held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on June 15-17.

In a statement today, PETRONAS said the conference, co-managed by Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute and the Conference Connection Inc. are expected to be officiated by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Themed for the conference are "Political and Economic Uncertainties: The Emerging Challenges" will focus on the challenges and the direction of the oil and gas industry amidst crude oil price volatility and the political and economic crises.

The conference chairman, Dr Fereidun Fesharaki of FACTS Inc USA and the international speaker, Thierry Desmarest chairman and CEO TotalFinaElf would be sharing their views and thoughts on oil market and price in the near term.

Other prominent speakers include Governor Bank Negara Malaysia, Tan Sri Datuk Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz, chairman Indian Oil Corporation M. S. Ramachandran, vice chairman and managing director of Qatar Liquefied Gas Company Ltd, Faisal M Al-Suwaidi, senior deputy managing director of National Iranian Oil Company, Mehdi Hoesseini and president Shell Oil Products-East Singapore, Datuk Sri Lim Haw Kuang.

Prominent senior officials and consultancy organisations from oil and gas companies and related research including Tokyo Gas Company Ltd, Council of Energy Environment Korea, PERTAMINA, SASOL Ltd, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) of Indonesia and Energy Information Administration of the USA will also present their views.

PETRONAS expects more than 800 participants comprising members of the oil and gas fraternity worldwide to attend the conference.

For those who are interested on AOGC 2003, contact the secretariat at 03-23314548 or 03-23312122, fax 03-23311543 or email to aogcsecretariat@petronas.com.my. -- BERNAMA

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