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WORLD EXPERTS IN MALAYSIA FOR MAJOR OIL & GAS CONFERENCE

Over 100 of the world's leading oil & gas measurement specialists met at a top-level international conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia recently.

The **International South East Asia Hydrocarbon Flow Measurement Conference**, an annual event organised by TUV NEL, the UK -based technology services organisation, was supported by a technical committee which included representatives from Petronas, BP, BHP Billiton, and Shell EPA.

The three-day Conference and associated training courses attracted delegates from around the world who came to share field experiences and to discuss the latest advances in the rapidly-changing field of flow measurement technology.* Measurement engineers need to keep abreast of developments in oil & gas technology, regulation and practice. This is particularly true in the field of hydrocarbon flow measurement, where measurements have a high economic impact. A flowmeter is the oilfield equivalent of a company's cash register, therefore hydrocarbon measurements must be accurate. The Conference, which has been running annually since 2001, provides an ideal forum for the exchange of flow measurement experience in the region and draws on knowledge from oil & gas producing areas around the world.

High on the agenda at this year's conference was flowmeter developments and the practical experiences of operators and their suppliers from the South East Asia region. The event included 30 presentations delivered during the core event, an exhibition featuring the latest products, plus networking sessions.

The Conference was opened by Zulkifli Abd Rani, Head FDP Project Engineering, Petronas, who delivered the keynote address entitled Field Transition into New Frontier in South East Asia.

Dr Rani said: “The Flow Measurement Conference provides one of the best platforms for active networking, technology sharing and field development and operational lessons learnt regionally and globally on metering subjects.”

He highlighted some of the metering challenges that deepwater developments present. These include obsolete regulatory metering standards and procedures, and a lack of appreciation on metering technologies.

He added: “Global sharing is extremely crucial. We have to learn from other proven regions on metering projects, and keep abreast of the latest standards and regulations, best practices and more importantly, networking. Strategies and technologies only deliver promises. It is people and capabilities that actually deliver the results. Thus “human capital investment“ is extremely crucial to success in new frontier metering.”

The Best Paper prize was awarded to Ngu Kee King from Shell Malaysia EP. His paper, in conjunction with Rick de Leeuw from Petrotech B.V. Netherlands, examined the application of wet gas metering technology in Shell Malaysia EP.

TUV NEL’s Head of Business Development, Bob Holmes said: “The **International South East Asia Hydrocarbon Flow Measurement Workshop** remains the ideal event for experts to keep up to date with new developments in the area of flow measurement. It is the only major forum to address the changes in flow measurement practice and technology which affect the region. This year’s record attendance confirms the continuing importance of oil & gas production from the South East Asia region. It reflects the technological lead in measurement that exists in this region and TUV NEL’s contribution to this technology.”

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1) * Flow measurement technology is a vital component in oil & gas production, allowing producers to accurately gauge the quantities of oil, gas, water and other substances which are extracted from oil & gas fields. Flowmeters are used to meter oil extraction from sub-sea wells.

2) TÜV NEL is a leading international technology services organisation. With a successful track record of more than five decades delivering world class innovative solutions to difficult problems we provide services, solutions and technology to clients across many industries including oil & gas, government, manufacturing, water, petrochemical, industrial and automotive and defence on a local and a global basis. It is part of the TÜV SÜD Group, the leading international service organisation.

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