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ASEAN National Oil Company Launch Global Event in Bangkok



April, 2009 — The members of the ASCOPE Petroleum Council have selected PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) as the host of the **9th ASCOPE Conference and Exhibition**. The petroleum enterprise will hold this important petroleum conference and exhibition at the world class IMPACT Exhibition and Convention Center in Bangkok during November this year.

Once every four years the ASEAN Council on Petroleum (ASCOPE) gathers together their senior staff in an atmosphere of mutual cooperation to discuss the major issues facing the petroleum industry. The first ASCOPE event was in 1977 and since that time it has moved between the member countries that make up the ASCOPE council. The event has always provided an environment for active collaboration within the region to develop the region's petroleum resources.

Over the years ASCOPE's reputation as a platform for business and knowledge has significantly grown. It now attracts not only industry leaders from within the ASCOPE member countries, but from throughout the world .

According to Tevin Vongvanich, senior executive vice president of PTT and the Chairman of the organising committee of ASCOPE 2009, the world is facing uncertainties in the global energy market. Energy prices are more volatile than before. ASCOPE conference is expected to be a promising platform for **stakeholders in Southeast Asia's petroleum industry to**

meet and discuss how they could manage today's energy issues, and to collaborate in indentifying solutions and alternative energy resources for a sustainable future.

*“We are also trying to expand our energy network beyond the region,” said Tevin. “It means we are getting broader insights, knowledge and experience from industry professionals and experts. As **the number one regional event for Southeast Asia's petroleum industry, we are certain that** business leaders, technical experts, specialists and decision makers in the upstream, downstream and petrochemical sectors of the petroleum industry can keep up with the latest energy trends and strategies to address challenges that we are facing now.”*

Bangkok Exhibition Services (BES) in conjunction with PTT will manage the ASCOPE 2009 Conference and Exhibition. BES is a member of Allworld Exhibitions, which has been organising trade shows in Asia for over 40 years.

David Aitken, Managing Director, Bangkok Exhibition Services, said *“Highlighted by knowledge sharing and trade opportunities in addition to high profile energy meeting and conference, ASCOPE 2009 will be the meeting point for the global and regional petroleum industry to explore the prospects of ASEAN markets, and can guarantee the key buyers in Asia's oil, gas and energy related businesses will be in attendance.”*

ASCOPE (ASEAN COUNCIL ON PETROLEUM) is the name for both the regional association of national oil companies and its international meeting. Members of the ASCOPE association are drawn from the ASEAN countries, including Brunei Darussalam (Brunei National Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad), Cambodia (Cambodian National Petroleum Authority - CNPA), Indonesia (PT PERTAMINA), Lao PDR (Ministry of Energy and Mines), Malaysia (Petroliam Nasional Berhad - PETRONAS), Myanmar (Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise - MOGE), Philippines (Philippines National Oil Company - PNOC), Singapore (Singapore Petroleum Company Limited - SPC), Thailand (PTT Public Company Limited - PTT) and Vietnam (Vietnam Oil and Gas Group - PETROVIETNAM).

The 9th ASCOPE Conference & Exhibition ASEAN Council Petroleum will be held on 18th - 20th November 2009 at IMPACT Exhibition and Convention Center, Bangkok. For more information and registration, contact +66 2 615 1255 or e-mail to ascope@besallworld.com.