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# Safety experts set for 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazards Asia Pacific (AP)

An international audience of around 230 process safety experts and regulators gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this week for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazards Asia Pacific (Hazards AP) conference.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazards AP takes place on 16-18 April 2013 and will gather process safety experts and regulators to discuss the latest developments and challenges faced by companies in the Asia Pacific region on chemical process safety.

The conference is being jointly staged by IChemE (the Institution of Chemical Engineers) and the CICM (Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia). It was declared open by YBhg Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hj Hassan, Chairman of the Petroliam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS) at an opening ceremony held this morning at the Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

Keynote speakers that will be featured in the 3-day conference include Judith Hackitt, Chair of the British Health & Safety Executive (HSE); Hans Volkmar Schwarz, group-wide vice president of process safety at BASF; Datuk Wan Zulkiflee, chief operating officer and executive vice president for downstream operations at PETRONAS; Wang Haoshui, director general in the Department of Hazardous Chemicals and Work Safety Supervision; Yang Soo Lee, senior vice president for health, safety and environment at SK Innovation; John Bresland, president of Process Safety Risk Assessment; Ian Hamilton, who was appointed to run the global human factors team at leading EHS consultancy practice, ERM; and Juan Gabriel, worldwide managing director of Sustainable Operations for DuPont Sustainable Solutions.

It will also comprise of a twin track technical programme containing more than 40 peer reviewed papers discussing on the conference theme: "Achieving Operational Excellence in a Competitive Environment."

Technical presentations will highlight the importance of exchanging knowledge, learning from past mistakes and sharing of best practice.

For further information visit the conference website: <a href="http://www.icheme.org/hazardsap2013">http://www.icheme.org/hazardsap2013</a>

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A copy of the media brief for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazards Asia Pacific Symposium is enclosed for further information

2. About chemical engineers

Chemical, biochemical and process engineering is the application of science, maths and economics to the process of turning raw materials into everyday products. Professional chemical engineers design, construct and manage process operations all over the world. Pharmaceuticals, food and drink, synthetic fibres and clean drinking water are just some of the products where chemical engineering plays a central role.

3. About IChemE

IChemE (Institution of Chemical Engineers) is the hub for chemical, biochemical and process engineering professionals worldwide. With a growing global membership of over 38,000, the Institution is at the heart of the process community, promoting competence and a commitment to best practice, advancing the discipline for the benefit of society, encouraging young people in science and engineering and supporting the professional development of its members. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.icheme.org">www.icheme.org</a>

## 4. About CICM

Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia (CICM) promotes the interest and development of the chemical industry and has affiliations with the various sub-sector chemical groups locally with a view to establish a stronger and better representation of the Malaysian chemical industry. For further information, visit <a href="https://www.cicm.org.my">www.cicm.org.my</a>

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