



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **International process safety experts gather in Malaysia**

More than 150 process safety practitioners and an international line-up of industry experts gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this week for the third *Hazards Asia Pacific Symposium*.

The event, jointly organised by the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) and the Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia (CICM), started today and lasts for three days. The conference partner is PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad.

Headline speakers are Geoffrey Maitland, President of IChemE and Professor of Energy Engineering at Imperial College London, UK; YBhg Datuk Ir Kamarudin Zakaria, PETRONAS Vice President of GHSE & OE; Ir Mohtar bin Musri, Director General of Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH); Keiji Kuma, Deputy General Manager of Environment, Safety & Quality Department of Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation; Nancy Kralik, Fluor Senior Director of HSE & Sustainability; Trish Kerin, Board Member of the Australian National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA); and Laurence Cusco, Associate Director at the UK Health and Safety Laboratory.

Guest of Honour, PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad (PCG) President/CEO Datuk Sazali Hamzah said in his speech, "PCG shares the same objectives as CICM and IChemE in driving the importance of achieving high safety standard and performance across the chemicals industry. For, maintaining a good track record of Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) performance is a must, as this is considered as a license for chemical companies to continue to operate."



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Trish Kerin used her keynote speech to discuss the implementation of major hazard law across Australia, and Ir Mohtar bin Musri reviewed the issues and challenges of the special scheme of inspection and offshore regulation management system.

“Safety cost should not be seen purely as a cost, but as an investment for a safer operating environment; and this contributes towards the sustainability and growth of the business in the long run.” said Datuk Dr Hapiz, CICM Chairman.

Paul Ellis, Chairman of IChemE in Malaysia and Managing Director of Schaefer Kalk (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, says that the knowledge being shared at the event is more important than ever: “Oil prices have slumped and economic growth has slowed in the region. But the importance of process safety hasn’t diminished. It is all too easy when times are tough and there is a strain on company finances for investment in process safety to become a target for cutbacks. However, what might seem like a quick-fix solution now could end up causing irrevocable damage in the future.”

Other major conference sponsors include ABB, DuPont and Process Safety Reliability Group (PSRG)

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A copy of the media brief for the 3<sup>rd</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 [www.icheme.org](http://www.icheme.org)

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 [www.cicm.org.my](http://www.cicm.org.my)