

SPEECH FOR YAM PG INDERA WIJAYA FOR SPE BRUNEI LAUNCHING 11/9/96

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahiim, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Good Evening.

Yang Mulia Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar bin Pengiran Seri Indera Pengiran Haji Ismail , Chairman of SPE Brunei ,

Mr.Gaffney, the President of SPE,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

First I would like to sincerely thank the organising committee for inviting me to this memorable occasion - the launching of the SPE Brunei.

Congratulation to the SPE on the formation of the SPE Brunei; I have been told that the SPE Brunei is your ¹⁵¹145th section adding Brunei onto your SPE map. This is a positive development for Brunei. I wish you all the very best with the new section and hopefully it will contribute to the development of our nation in the oil and gas industries.

If we look at the history of oil and gas industry in Brunei, it started about 67 years ago when oil was found. Many challenges have been faced to explore and produce the oil and gas from the ground. Because of the complexity of the environments , technology has played a very important role in the exploitation of oil and gas. The history and technology used in the past are nicely depicted in our Brunei museum.

I am pleased to learn on the formation of SPE Brunei as it will provide an opportunity for the exchange of technical information amongst professionals in Brunei and through the SPE network . With a lot of people and companies involved in the oil and gas business, the SPE Brunei will be the local link to share and discuss technical subjects related to oil and gas industries.

I am also pleased to hear that there a number of Bruneians have joined the society. More Bruneians are encouraged to join the SPE Brunei in order to be more actively involved in the oil and gas business. With the continued Bruneisation programme in the oil and gas industries, I hope the SPE Brunei will provide broadening exposure to younger professionals, particularly Bruneians through active participation in conferences, meetings, publications or other relevant programmes and activities. This can enhance their competencies by keeping abreast with technology. In fact, this is not only applicable to young professionals, but to all of us. Continual professional update is necessary, particularly in the modern world where technology is changing very fast to a more sophisticated one. However, I would like to stress that the fit-for-purpose technology needs to be applied at the right time and place and it is important to remain competitive.

HM Government recognises the importance of technical education to the development of our nation. Many technical schools have been set up in Brunei Darussalam. However, the challenge is to produce professionals who are able to adapt to the changing world and dynamic technology . Therefore, to boost skills and knowledge through SPE is one of the ways to progress and remain competitive. Technical Professionalism is recognised in Brunei. HM Government has given recognition to

Professional Institute accreditation such as MICE, I MECH E, etc. I also understand that in Brunei Shell, fee for Professional Institute membership is reimbursed by the Company. I hope other companies will also give some incentive schemes for professionalism.

Besides updating the SPE members on the state-of-the-art and cost effective technologies, the SPE Brunei should help to stimulate local education institutions and non oil and gas sectors to understand better the oil and gas business. I hope that this will promote understanding and development of local companies in providing quality products and services related to oil and gas business. Through the SPE networking, the involvement of local companies through the SPE Brunei Section will put these companies on a global prospective.

Lastly, as SPE Brunei is one of the engineering societies in Brunei Darussalam, I would like to encourage it to interact with other societies for example PUJA so that a better understanding on common technical issues can be achieved.

To close, I wish SPE Brunei all the very best and successful in implementing its programme.

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Wassalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh.

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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahiim, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Good Evening.

Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Indera Wijaya Pengiran Dr. Haji Ismail Bin Pengiran Haji Damit , Minister of Development ,

Mr. Gaffney , the President of SPE,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Interim Committee of SPE Brunei, I would like to welcome you to the launching ceremony of SPE Brunei also known in Malay as Persatuan Jurutera Petroliaam Brunei. We also feel honoured for YAM Pengiran Dr. Haji Ismail to be able to accept the invitation as the Guest of Honour for this memorable occasion.

I would like to give a brief background of SPE. The SPE is an international technical/professional organisation dedicated to the advancement of technology associated with the recovery of oil and gas from the ground, via wellbores. The SPE is a non profit making organisation. It is one of the largest technical/professional association in the world with more than 53,000 members residing in more than 90 countries. SPE has been represented by ¹⁵⁰144 sections in 54 countries and this evening the SPE Brunei will be added as a new SPE section. The SPE Brunei becomes the ¹⁵¹145th section. These sections provide an operating framework for all major SPE activities. Through a vast array of

SPE programmes such as technical publications, international and regional conferences and meetings, information on new technology is collected exchanged and disseminated among SPE members and other industry professionals.

There are two primary missions of the SPE ;

The first one is to provide the means for collection, dissemination and exchange of technical information concerning the development of oil and gas resources. The information coverage ranges from technical issues such as reservoir or rock description, reservoir engineering, production engineering, facilities engineering and drilling engineering to other issues like management, energy economics and environmental matters.

The second mission of the SPE is to provide opportunities through its programmes for interested individual to maintain and upgrade their technical knowledges.

It is the purpose of the Brunei Section to further these missions by providing a platform in Brunei for the various SPE activities and programmes.

To date there are around 100 members registered in Brunei. We hope to increase the membership through the launching of the SPE Brunei. Information on the SPE and its membership are available at the foyer outside this hall. Interested parties are welcomed to collect the information. When the section is fully operational, we hope to hold programmes of general interest in transferring latest technology to its members by providing technical meetings, workshops, such as

Technology Awareness Seminar. The Section will develop various programmes addressing the needs of its members and local industries. We also hope the Section will interact with other professionals in Brunei, for example with PUJA so that a more meaningful understanding of technical issues on which PE can contribute.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the people involved in initiating the formation of the SPE Brunei Section, especially the various government authorities endorsing the formation of the SPE Brunei. I also would like to thank all the people involved in organising this memorable function. Thank you to Brunei Shell for sponsoring the function this evening. I hope that other companies will come forward in the future to support the SPE Brunei Programmes.

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Wassalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh.