



### **Gas Industry Conference GASEX 2014 Opens In Hong Kong**

(18 November 2014) The 13th Gas Information Exchange in the Western Pacific Area (GASEX 2014) Conference and Exhibition opened today till Thursday at the AsiaWorld-Expo on airport island, Lantau, Hong Kong. As the host of this event, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) welcomed around 100 exhibitors and more than 500 delegates, a record turnout for this industry specific international event since its inception in Hong Kong in 1989.

Held every two years, the exhibition and conference offer a platform for the exchange of information and technology through forums, panel discussions and a large-scale exhibition. The theme of this year is "Advancing the Gas Value Chain", covering areas in:

- i) Advancing the Gas Market Frontier – Global & Regional;
- ii) Conventional and Unconventional Gas – Development & Challenges;
- iii) The Gas Value Chain – Improvement Opportunities.

Alfred W.K. Chan, Towngas Managing Director and Chairman of GASEX 2014 Steering Committee said, "China has declared to reduce carbon emission by 40% per unit of GDP by year 2020 basing year 2005 as the benchmark. To fulfill its commitment, the wide use of natural gas will be the key enabler. In the 12th 5-year development for China, the natural gas consumption is expected to rise 109% from 100Bn m<sup>3</sup> in 2010 to 230Bn m<sup>3</sup> in 2015. The huge step up in gas demand would require extensive development in the gas industry, from upstream exploration, to downstream utilization, making it an exciting focus for all the gas specialists and experts around the world."

Alfred Chan continued, "GASEX 2014, being a forum for the progress and healthy development of the gas industry and the promotion of clean and efficient energy within the Western Pacific region, is certainly an important conference not only to the gas industry, but also to our ecosystem of partners and suppliers and to the broader community upon which we rely our business."



The Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Guest of Honour of the event Carrie Lam said, "For Hong Kong, we have no indigenous energy resources and have been relying on import to meet our demand for energy. We therefore attach great importance to regional collaboration on the reliable and stable supply of energy. It is unquestionable that the global gas market will continue to be vibrant and will experience significant growth in the years to come. I am sure you will all share with me our appreciation of GASEX's effort in providing this gathering of government officials, industry leaders, experts as well as academics from many different parts of the world to exchange information and share their latest policies and technological breakthroughs in gas utilisation, gas safety and reliability, innovation, smart application as well as sustainability."

Throughout these three days, conference speakers will share their experiences and valuable insights, covering a wide range of important topics relating to gas supply and technology, and to the universal sustainability of gas industry in the various local markets. In addition to the GASEX 2014 Exhibition, another highlight is the technical visit to the theme park Disneyland which will provide a real-life gas applications in the resort's energy plant and maintenance shops. Participants to this technical visit will have a chance to see for themselves as how the gas fire effect control system works.

GASEX has become one of the most important events in Asia in pursuit of best practices in gas utilisation, safety & reliability, efficiency, natural gas technology, carbon emissions reduction as well as application to daily living. With the meaningful contribution from all the participants to this year's theme, "Advancing the Gas Value Chain", GASEX 2014 will help the industry move forward with strength throughout this region and beyond.



Alfred Chan, Towngas Managing Director and Chairman of GASEX 2014 Steering Committee (Middle), James Kwan, Towngas Senior Advisor and Chairman of GASEX 2014 Organising Committee (Fifth Right) and Carrie Lam, The Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Sixth Right) participated in the toasting ceremony and wished all the success of the 13th Gas Information Exchange in the Western Pacific Area Conference and Exhibition.



Alfred Chan, Towngas Managing Director and Chairman of GASEX 2014 Steering Committee (Eighth Right), James Kwan, Towngas Senior Advisor and Chairman of GASEX 2014 Organising Committee (Sixth Right) and other honorable committee members commemorated the 13th Gas Information Exchange in the Western Pacific Area Conference and Exhibition with an official Eye dotting and Lion Dance at the opening ceremony.



Alfred Chan, Towngas Managing Director and Chairman of GASEX 2014 Steering Committee introduced Towngasø business development in Towngasø mega booth to honorable committee members of GASEX 2014.



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