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Turkish Petroleum to host 22ND WORLD PETROLEUM CONGRESS 2017: "Bridges to our Energy Future"

Istanbul has won the bid to host the 22nd World Petroleum Congress in 2017, the most prestigious event in the oil and gas sector. This is the first time in history that the triennial Congress will be coming to Turkey.

Istanbul was officially declared as "The Host City of 22nd World Petroleum Congress" at the handover ceremony during the 21st WPC in Moscow, when Turkish Minister of Energy, Taner Yildiz., received the official emblem of the World Petroleum Congress from his Russian colleague Alexander Novak.

WPC's Turkish National Committee is launching the global promotion of WPC 2017 at the World Gas Conference 2015 in Paris, with participants from the WPC Turkish National Committee as well as a delegation from Turkish Petroleum (TP), the National Oil and Gas Company of Turkey.

"We are very happy to announce that Turkish Petroleum (TP) is the official 'host country sponsor' of the Congress", said Murat Altiparmak, Vice President of Turkish Petroleum, adding that the event will be held from June 9 to June 13, 2017, in Istanbul.

"Turkish Petroleum (TP), the biggest international investor of Turkey, is currently working with 17 projects in 8 countries, engaged in both onshore and offshore exploration & production activities as well as pioneering many projects economically and strategically significant for energy security." he pointed out.

Turkey's energy policy and the importance of Turkey's pivotal role in becoming an energy corridor and key terminal on the Eurasia energy axis have led to the selection of the theme of the Congress: "Bridges to our energy Future".

Welcoming the announcement, the WPC President, Dr Jozsef Toth, said "I am delighted that the Congress has received an excellent national champion in Turkish Petroleum. The young and dynamic team around CEO Besim Sisman is already working hard to put a unique Turkish stamp to the 22nd World Petroleum Congress and we look forward to experiencing their interpretation of the ancient culture and modern achievements of this fascinating place at the event in 2017."

"There is no doubt that 22nd WPC will be a great platform to discuss and discover new approaches that will satisfy the global oil and gas industry", Memet Ali Kaya explained, on behalf of the WPC Turkish National Committee. He also stated that "As the Turkish National Committee, we are working hard with the WPC Executive Committee, Congress Programme Committee and Youth Committee, and trying to put forward a very attractive and inclusive program together with different social, technical activities to make 22nd WPC unforgettable."

"I believe that inspired by Istanbul's vivid spirit and dynamism, WPC 2017 will bring a fresh and brand new perspective to the oil and gas industry. Located at the crossroads between resource-rich regions; Middle East, Caspian and Central Asia, and countries with high import dependency, Turkey stays on a very strategic position for the industry; for transportation of oil and gas between producers and consumers. Turkey's critical role in new international energy projects as a transit country together with its geostrategic advantage make Turkey a hub in the global energy arena." Kaya stated.

The Turkish Organising Committee is expecting to host over 5000 delegates, 500 CEOs and 50 Ministers in the 50.000 m2 venue in Istanbul for the 22nd WPC in 2017.



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