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In the Spotlight



Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim,
Secretary General of GSDP

Dr. Ibrahim honoured for contribution to Qatar's LNG industry

Dr Ibrahim Ibrahim, Secretary-General of GSDP, has received the 'Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Visionary Award' at a special ceremony held at the CWC World LNG Summit in Barcelona, Spain, between 1-4 December.

Dr Ibrahim, who is also the Vice-Chairman of RasGas, was selected as the first ever recipient of the LNG Visionary Award based on his leadership in furthering the advancement of the industry. He was selected by an LNG Award Selection Committee comprising some 30 senior LNG industry officials.

Dr. Ibrahim expressed his gratitude at being recognised for his contribution to Qatar's LNG growth. "It is a pleasure to accept this prestigious LNG Visionary award with both pride and humility. I must acknowledge the many outstanding individuals working in the gas industry in Qatar whose significant contribution have made Qatar's LNG vision a reality, and I thank the selection committee for granting me this award," Dr Ibrahim said.



The selection committee praised Dr. Ibrahim's courage and dedication to the industry during the Asian economic crisis. Dr. Ibrahim was congratulated by RasGas who praised his unparalleled expertise in the oil and gas industry. RasGas further highlighted his role in transforming the company into a leading global supplier within just 12 years.

Dr. Ibrahim joined the more than 400 top-level officials, LNG producers, senior figures from the major oil companies and LNG buyers at the summit.

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News & Events Section

GSDP participates in Qatar University International Social Sciences Symposium

The Social Development Department of GSDP participated in the 2nd International Social Sciences Symposium on 'Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges' which was organized by Qatar University (QU) from 3-5 November 2009.

The Symposium marked the launch of the Sustainable Development Initiative within the Department of Social Sciences of QU and the establishment of the Qatar Shell Professorial Chair in Sustainable Development. It included eleven sessions on a wide range of topics related to the issue of sustainability, with a host of international and national speakers and participants.



At the Symposium, researcher Ms Najla Al Khulaifi, and social development expert Ms Trudy Tan, from GSDP's Social Development Department (SDD) made a joint bilingual presentation on Qatar's Progress Towards Sustainable Development. In their presentation, they highlighted the Qatar National Vision 2030's central focus on sustainable development, and drew attention to some key environmental concerns for Qatar as identified in the second National Human Development Report, Advancing Sustainable Development. They also stressed the need for better measurements and indicators on sustainable development for evidence-based policy making and to monitor progress towards sustainability.

International Petroleum Technology Conference

Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Secretary-General of GSDP, participated in the International Petroleum Technology Conference held at the Sheraton Hotel, Doha, on Tuesday 8 December.

As an invited speaker at the conference, Dr. Ibrahim gave a presentation highlighting Qatar's experience in meeting the challenges of the global financial crisis. He discussed the role of the gas industry in providing global energy security, noting the social and economic challenges that need to be overcome to achieve sustainable growth.

He praised the stability of Qatar's economy and the way it has dealt with the global economic crisis, while maintaining the integrity of the country and protecting its own economy. At the same time, he said that Qatar had managed to exploit opportunities offered by the financial crisis.

Dr. Ibrahim also highlighted the relationship between the global economic crisis and the energy industry, focusing on the challenges facing the industry due to a significant reduction in demand for oil and gas worldwide. He discussed the importance of providing conditions for investment to develop current and future resources of energy, a trained workforce, and a reduction of gas emissions harmful to the environment.

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Upcoming Events

Energy Outlook Seminar

16 December 2009 -- Location: Four Seasons Hotel

The Energy Outlook seminar will provide information and data on the most recent energy outlook (November 2010), which could potentially provide valuable information in support of the NDS formulation process. It will help build public understanding of the energy needs and challenges of Qatar, the region, and the world.

ExxonMobil Qatar Inc (EMQI) representatives have been working with GSDP to design a seminar on Corporate Strategic Planning (CSP) and the Energy Outlook.

In view of the relevance of the natural gas industry for Qatar, the seminar will include a special focus on the energy outlook in that sector.

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