



**PRIME MINISTER
MALAYSIA**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

Despite experiencing a freefall in recent times, the oil and gas industry is poised to witness recovery in crude oil prices with expected increase in both upstream and downstream activities.

Nevertheless, the industry remains volatile. Faced with maturing oil fields, declining domestic production and a finite fuel source in the face of accelerated economic growth, the main challenge for energy suppliers is not just the availability of alternative energy supply but also the commercial potential of these resources.

It is therefore crucial that Malaysia continues to highlight its potential in the Oil, Gas and Energy (OGE) sector while keeping up-to-date with the latest innovations and technology to strengthen its position. This will not only strengthen Malaysia's position as a strong oil and gas nation, but also a competent OGE leader, especially in the Asian region.

It is therefore imperative that events, such as the Oil & Gas Asia or simply OGA, which will witness its 17th installation this year, continues to be the catalyst in showcasing and highlighting the industry's latest technology, equipment and machinery in the fields of oil, gas and petrochemical engineering.

As the region's number one oil and gas event, OGA 2019 is without doubt the platform for governments, corporations and service providers to come together and collaborate in the interest of strengthening the future of the OGE sector.

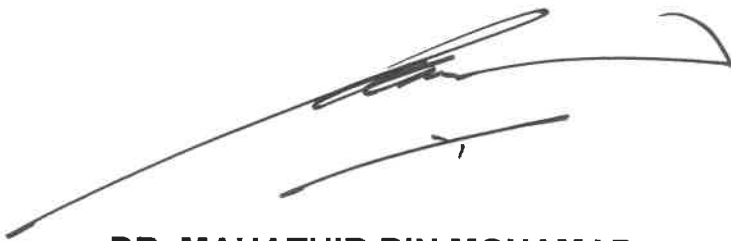
Its ability to attract increasing number of attendees and exhibiting companies compared to other similar events in the region reflects Malaysia's increasingly prominent role as the regional centre of the OGE industry.

In these testing times when the Oil & Gas industry is on a rebound, OGA is a timely and effective platform to highlight the nation's and region's potential in oil and gas. It should also help in positioning Malaysia as the regional hub for O&G innovation.

The world is currently in the midst of technological transformation that will fundamentally change the way we live and work – and the O&G industry is no exception. It has no choice but embrace the change and keep pace with the latest industrial development or risk being left behind.

I would like to congratulate the organisers of OGA 2019 for successfully holding yet another important and meaningful event. I wish all participants every success and a rewarding experience.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form the name 'DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD'.

DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD
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