

His Highness the Prime Minister ... His Excellency the Minister of Oil to inaugurate the first Gulf Refining Union Conference

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Manama, Oct. 23, (BNA) His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister and Minister of Petroleum and Minerals, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, inaugurated the first edition of the Gulf Refining Federation "Towards a competitive refining through innovation, cooperation and technology", Organized by the Gulf Refining Union in cooperation and coordination with the National Oil and Gas Authority and with the support of a number of international oil companies, Gulf and Bahrain and with the participation of international experts, engineers and interested in various aspects of the refining and petrochemical industry from around the world. In the presence of the

delegations of most of the national oil companies in the GCC Gulf countries, the United States of America, a number of countries in the Middle East, the European Union, Asia and other countries. The number of participants is expected to reach more than 5,000 participants from around the world

HE Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil, expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, for his continuous and continuous patronage of the international conferences hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain. His Highness the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Nahyan expressed his keenness to support and support the development process witnessed by the oil and gas sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain and to emphasize the status of the activities of the oil, gas and petrochemical sector as one of the global events in the Middle East. Between the Gulf Refining Federation and other regulators and the National Oil and Gas Authority to choose the Kingdom of Bahrain to hold its activities. He stressed the keenness of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain to attract and host events specialized in the oil sector on its territory and provide all kinds of facilities that help organizers to hold their activities successfully

His Excellency said that the Gulf region is of great importance in the world of oil economy, it represents the largest reserves of oil and gas in the world, and the Middle East is witnessing rapid global growth to be an important refining center, as this region of the construction of most of the new global refineries, Asia and the Middle East region, noting that petrochemical capacity in the Middle East is expected to increase significantly, as well as increased investment opportunities in the Middle East oil market which will see an increase in production

He added that the petrochemical industry is the second largest manufacturing sector in the Gulf region. The petrochemical industry is an advanced industry in the region due to the increase in domestic demand, as well as the abundant reserves of natural gas and associated gas in the first place. He pointed out that the countries of the region realized that the optimal use of gas is to use it as fuel or re-injected into the oil fields. He pointed out that the GCC countries have the highest rates of growth in global research and development spending according to experts in this important industry. He pointed out that the petrochemical industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain dates back to 1979 with the establishment of Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC), a joint venture between the Kingdom of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait

The conference will be attended by distinguished executives from a number of national, regional and international oil companies and their deputies, as well as petroleum consulting companies, technology industries, experts, specialists and directors of companies operating in the field of oil refining, as well as elites interested in the field of refining technology in the technical, research and academic circles

HE said that the first World Refinery Conference and Exhibition is the first leading strategic platform in the Middle East for refining professionals to meet business challenges, share best practices and unlock potential opportunities through collaboration and strategic partnerships in an effort to excel. He pointed out that the conference and the accompanying exhibition aim to involve regional and international stakeholders in all businesses, academia and technology service providers to benefit from investment opportunities, innovation and growth. He praised the continuous efforts of the

Chairman of the Gulf Refining Federation and the Board of Directors in establishing this. The Global Forum in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the good efforts exerted by the Secretary General of the Gulf Union as well as the Organizing Committee and other subcommittees

He noted that the conference is a platform for exploring the investment opportunities and incentives for large-scale projects in the GCC and the Middle East, gathering information about them and directing capital to invest in this vital sector in an attractive environment for foreign direct investment

The minister said that the scientific and technical papers and conference sessions will focus on many topics including how to "smart" engineering, together with related manufacturing and operational excellence issues that can create added value in the manufacturing industries. The technical program of the conference will cover a wide range of key topics including integration, cooperation, attracting investment and building a future workforce capable of investing opportunities in the region. The conference and exhibition will also provide an opportunity to meet strategic decision makers in the oil industry and global markets and discuss business projects in the oil, gas and petrochemical industry

The conference will be hosted by the Gulf Federation of Refining and Youth Creativity Corner, as well as the Fifth Summit of Excellence for Leading Women in the Oil and Gas Sector and the winners of the Excellence Awards

The Minister affirmed the keenness of the Kingdom of Bahrain to successfully establish these specialized entities on its territory and provide the necessary support and support in order to achieve the strategic objectives of these professional non-profit institutions which aim at enhancing cooperation and coordination. Exchange information and expertise for specialists and interested parties and promote the future of the oil and gas sector in the countries of the region

The Minister concluded by thanking the oil companies supporting this first international event and the President of the Conference, Eng. Sulaiman Al-Barqan, Vice President of Internal Refining and Natural Gas Liquidation, Saudi Aramco, organizers and supporting companies for the efforts exerted in producing this edition of conferences professionally

HE Eng. Bakhit Al Rashidi, Minister of Oil and Minister of Electricity and Water of Kuwait, expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil for the support, support and encouragement of the Gulf Refining Federation and the continuous logistical support of the National Oil and Gas Authority Which reinforces its position in strengthening the ties between its oil companies. He explained that the vision of the Gulf Refining Federation is to expand the scope of this important global event to include all those interested in the refining industry and its affiliates and address the strategic opportunities facing the industry in the Middle East, specifically in the Gulf countries

Sulaiman Al-Barqan, CEO of Saudi Aramco's local refineries and natural gas distributors, said: "The conference and the accompanying exhibition will witness major sessions, a number of roundtable discussions, technical workshops and other associated artistic events, 220 experts in the refining industry from different countries of the world. Noting that the

conference provides a great opportunity for conference participants and visitors to the exhibition accompanying the exchange of innovative ideas and possible solutions to the challenges faced by the refining industry and other related industries

It is worth mentioning that the conference will include several sessions of the conference during the days of the conference by experts, global speakers and executives in the refining, petrochemicals, operating technology and production from different countries of the world, which will focus on the topics of refining and petrochemicals and investment in future laboratories as well as the development of employees according to International standards for human resource development, as well as best practices in the refining, petrochemical and all related to HSE

It is worth mentioning that the Gulf Refining Federation has the generous approval of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain in order to enhance the GCC cooperation in the field of refining and facilitate the process of communication and exchange of knowledge and experience between the industries and institutions and investment bodies in the refining industry and raise the efficiency of employees in this vital sector and contribute to the process The economic and social development of the GCC countries and the promotion of the status of petroleum in the growth of the global economy

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