



Development, Use of Natural Gas Focus of U.S. – China Oil and Gas Industry Forum

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The development and use of natural gas as a clean fuel—including in cars—will be the major focus of the second annual U.S.-China Oil and Gas Industry Forum set for July 21-22 at Rice's James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy.

Panel discussions among government and industry representatives from the United States and China will start at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, in James A. Baker III Hall at Rice. A complete Forum agenda is provided at the end of this release. A campus map is available by contacting the Rice Office of Media Relations at (713) 831-4795.

Journalists assigned to cover the Forum will need to secure press credentials at the media sign-in table at Baker Hall prior to the start of the program. The media badge must be worn while in Baker Hall.

Senior U.S. representatives to the Forum will include the Office of the Vice President, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Department of State. More than 50 U.S. oil and gas industry executives are also expected to attend. China's State Development Planning Commission will lead China's delegation along with China's consul general.

Approximately 120 government and industry representatives from both the United States and China participated in the first Forum held last November in Beijing.

"The Baker Institute is pleased to host this forum, especially in light of the Institute's recently published study on 'China and Long-Range Asian Energy Security—An Analysis of the Political, Economic and Technological Factors Shaping Asian Energy Markets,'" said Edward Djerejian, director of the Baker Institute. Djerejian will moderate the forum's first panel discussion.

"China's energy sector is one of the key areas in which dramatic change can be expected in the coming years as China emerges as a global power in the 21st century," he added. "The cooperation between the United States and China in the energy field will be a key factor in how China meets its energy and environmental needs. This conference can play an important role in this overall effort," he added.

The U.S. government is committed to strengthening bilateral cooperation with China, and it views the Oil and Gas Industry Forum as an important vehicle for achieving the energy and environmental goals of both nations.

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Forum agenda follows

Agenda-U.S./China Oil and Gas Industry Forum

July 21-22, 1999
Rice University
James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy
Houston, Texas

Wednesday, July 21, 1999-AM

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 Welcome, Introductions & Keynotes (including a review of Key Events since first U.S./China Oil and Gas Industry Forum.)

Moderator: Edward Djerejian, director
James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University

Speakers: Deputy Secretary General–Hon. Zhang Guobao
Office of the Vice President–Hon. Ted Osius
Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy–Hon. Robert W. Gee
Counselor to the Department of Commerce–Hon. Jan Kelicki

9:30-10:30 Overview of the U.S. Oil and Gas Industry

Moderator: Bob Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy

9:30-10:00 Overview of U.S. Oil Industry (structure, regulation, etc.)

Speaker: Melody Meyer, Manager, Business Development & Planning, Chevron

10:00-10:30 Overview of U.S. Gas Industry (structure, regulation, etc.)

Speaker: Executive Vice-President, Arco, Ken Thompson

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Overview of Chinese Oil and Gas Industry

Speakers: Mr. Miao Chengwu, Director-General, Design Institute, CNPC
Mr. Cheng Shaozhi, Deputy Director General, Oil Field Dept., Sinopac

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Wednesday, July 21, 1999-PM

1:30-2:15 Panel Discussion on Morning Presentations/Q&A

Moderators: R. Kripowicz and Tian Jun, Deputy Director-General, Foreign Affairs Dept., SDPC

Panelists: Meyer, Thompson, Miao, Cheng

2:15-3:30 Oil and Gas Market Technologies

Moderator: Anthony M. Turchi, Chairman & Managing Director, Mobil group, Beijing
Mr. Daniel Mowrey, Manager International Gas, Marathon Oil

2:15-2:30 Technology Trends-Offshore (John Ellice-Flint, Sr.-VP, Global Exploration & Technology, Unocal)

2:30-2:45 LNG Technology (Enron)

2:45-3:00 LNG Economics (Chip Schuppert, LNG Sales & Mktg. Director, Phillips Petroleum)

3:00-3:15 Coal bed methane (Jack Derickson, Project Manager, China Coalbed Methane, Texaco Commercial Development)

3:15-3:30 Natural Gas Vehicles (Dr. W. Zhu, Ford Motor Company)

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 Fundamentals of Natural Gas Markets/Business: Lessons Learned from Around the World (pricing, contract principals, ROI, financing and capitalization, seller/buyer negotiations/relationships, transportation)

Speakers: Steve Kirchhoff, Regional Manager, Gas Development, Exxon Company, Intl.
Matt Henderson, Enron

7:00-8:30 Reception-Chinese Consulate

Thursday, July 22, 1999-AM

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:15 Panel Discussion-Regulatory Regimes that Promote Mutually Beneficial Development of Oil and Gas Markets and Investment Infrastructure

Moderator: Mr. David J. Jhirad, Senior Advisor, International Affairs, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy

Panelists: Donna J. Bobbish, Senior Director, Regulatory Policy, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy
Ken Thompson, Executive Vice-President, Arco
Steve Schneider, Manager, Business Development, International Gas, Chevron Overseas Petroleum, Inc.

Thursday, July 22, 1999-AM continued

9:15-10:30 Q&A Session-topics Wednesday PM and Thursday AM

Moderators: Tony Turchi, Chairman & Managing Director, Mobil Group, Beijing
David Jhirad, Senior Advisor, Department of Energy

Panelists: all presenters from Wednesday PM and Thursday AM

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Status of and Issues Faced in Development of China's Natural Gas Policy

Speaker: Mr. Xu Dingming, Deputy Director-General, Economic Forecast Dept., SDPC

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Thursday, July 22, 1999-PM

1:30-2:30 Issues Faced by China's Government/State Enterprise Reorganization-Government and State Enterprise representatives

Speakers: Mr. Chen Shaozhi-Restructuring Sinopac
CNOOC presentation-invited

2:30-3:30 Q&A Session-Chinese Panel

Moderator: Mr. Tian Jun

Panelists: Mr. Chen Shaozhi

CNOOC representative

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00 Review of Issues and Next Steps Discussion

Panelists: Zhang, Tian, Xu, Kalicki, Jhirad, Kripowicz

5:00 Thank-you and Adjournment-Hon. Ted Osius

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