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## **OGDC introduces 'Playing with Light' Exhibition and ASPAC 2014 Science Outreach**

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To further instil the interest of science and technology in the hearts of educators, scientists and students in Brunei, the Oil and Gas Discovery Centre (OGDC) with the full support of Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd will be hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Asia Pacific Science and Technology Centre (ASPAC) Conference in May. Creating new experiences and an interesting programme, with strong emphasis on reaching out to the community and schools, a series of ASPAC science outreach activities will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> May especially for local students and teachers. Along with that a Science Show program for invited school groups will be held in parallel with the Conference.

To take the initiative a bit further, the Oil and Gas Discovery Centre presents yet another exciting and interactive science exhibition brought in from Australia entitled 'Playing with Light'. The new exhibition was successfully launched yesterday by the Guest of Honour, Yang Mulia Awang Hj Abdul Rahman bin Hj Nawī, Director of Curriculum Development, Ministry of Education. Accompanying the Guest of Honour in the event were senior officials from Brunei Shell Petroleum, Brunei Government, The Brunei Times, school principals, teachers and students.

During the launch, the Head of the OGDC, Hj Irwandy Lois, also presented a mock coupon to Awang Hj Abdul Rahman that symbolised a special invitation to Government schools to attend the ASPAC science outreach sessions and science shows that make up part of the Conference. For the first time ever, a nationwide outreach to schools conducted by overseas ASPAC members will take place in all four districts during ASPAC 2014. The ASPAC members involved in this outreach programme are Petrosains Malaysia, National Science Museum Thailand, Petro Sains Negara Malaysia, Scitech Australia, Australian National University and the OGDC.

Educational programs have always been the major thrust of BSP's Social Investment initiatives, encompassing Science, Mathematics and technical subjects and taking into consideration the values that are emphasised in the nation's Vision 2035 and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century National Education System or SPN21.

With the new exhibition and the upcoming ASPAC 2014, BSP, through the Oil and Gas Discovery Centre helps to take the initiatives that are directly in line with the Ministry of Education's SPN21 which is to develop and build the character of our future children to learn, grow, and improve to become more knowledgeable and relevant in a global society.