

Industry Elite gathered at “Smart Gas Network Management Conference” in Suzhou

China’s city gas industry has recorded a rapid growth as certain key gas pipeline projects running from the country’s West to East, Sichuan to East China, Central Asia to China, Myanmar to China and Russia to China etc. have been built and commenced operation. The underground gas pipeline networks have gradually become interconnected and complementary. In order to raise the operational level of smart gas network that will bring a safer, more reliable, efficient and sustainable operations management in the age of Internet Plus, Smart Gas Network Management Conference was held in Suzhou on 26th April 2017. The conference was hosted by Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers-Far East District Section (IGEM FEDS) and Towngas China Company Limited (Towngas China), and co-organized by China Gas Association and Towngas Engineering Academy.

The conference featured a number of notable guests and industry experts, including Mr. Wu Xiao Dong, Vice Mayor of People’s Government of Suzhou Municipality; Mr. Alfred W.H. Sit, Deputy Director (Regulatory Services) of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR); Mr. Andy Cummings, President of IGEM; Mr. Sarb Bajwa, Chief Executive Officer of IGEM; Mr. Peter W.Y. Wong, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer – Utilities Business of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, and Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Towngas China; Ms. Li Yalan, Chairperson of Beijing Gas Group Co., Ltd; Mr. Wang Zhehong, Chairman of Shanghai Gas (Group) Co., Ltd; Mr. Martin W.N. Kee, Executive Vice President of Towngas China and Chairman of IGEM FEDS; and Mr. Chi Guojing, Secretary General of China Gas Association.

In addition, there were more than 200 professionals and experts attending the conference. They were representatives from Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of the HKSAR, Beijing Gas Group Co., Ltd, Shanghai Gas (Group) Co., Ltd, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, Towngas China, Shenzhen Gas Corporation Ltd., Chengdu Gas Company Ltd, Wuhan Natural Gas Co. Ltd, North China Municipal Engineering Design & Research Institute, Shanghai Aerospace Energy Co. Ltd and Tongji University. The participants at the conference took the opportunity to discuss and

share their experience about smart gas network management that will further promote the development of gas industry.

Mr. Peter Wong highlighted in his opening speech that China's underground gas pipelines have extended to more than 4,200 km and its city gas industry has been expanding at a fast pace over the last two decades given the West to East gas pipeline project, a major national policy initiative. The construction of natural gas distribution network has fostered the development of natural gas industry, the implementation of the national policy on environmental protection and the promotion of higher standards of living. Through the discussion on the application of technological intelligence and big data, the conference would help achieve smart gas networks that effectively safeguard China's energy supply.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Martin Kee stated that IGEM FEDS was established to provide a platform, through various kinds of professional seminars or conferences, to facilitate local and international technological exchange that will benefit the growth of natural gas industry in China. The knowledge sharing in the speeches and presentations given by the 11 guest speakers at the conference have widened and deepened the understanding of local and international application of natural gas and smart gas network among the 200 or more participants.

Around the theme of the conference, "Smart Network", participants had dialogues and in-depth discussions about topics related to "Smart Gas and Internet Plus", "Application of Smart Grid in Gas Transmission and Distribution System", "Enhancing Reliability and Efficiency of Gas Supply" and "Safeguarding Underground Network" etc. The conference also presented the attendees with advanced technological solutions such as real-time network monitoring and network modelling applications that will enable an intelligent and safe gas transmission and distribution system.

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Towngas China focuses on the sales and distribution of piped gas in mainland China including the provision of piped gas, construction of gas pipelines, the operation of city gas pipeline networks, the operation of gas fuel automobile refilling stations, and the sale of gas household appliances.

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Photo 1



Towngas China's senior management were joined by other guests to kick-start "Smart Gas Network Management Conference".

Photo 2



Opening speech by Mr. Peter W.Y. Wong, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer – Utilities Business of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited; Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Towngas China

Photo 3



Opening speech by Mr. Wu Xiao Dong, Vice Mayor of People's Government of Suzhou Municipality

Photo 4



Closing remarks by Mr. Martin W.N. Kee, Executive Vice President of Towngas China and Chairman of IGEM FEDS

Photo 5



Presentation by Mr. Andy Cummings, President of IGEM