

7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable

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Welcoming Remarks

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Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Now is the time to enjoy the welcome of Thailand, our host for the **7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable**. Tomorrow will be the time for dialogue. **So, I will be brief.**

Let me **thank His Excellency General Anantaporn Kanjanarat, Minister of Energy of Thailand**, our distinguished host and leader in this **7th Ministerial** meeting in **Bangkok, the warm heart of Asia.**

Let me also thank **His Excellency Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Industry, of the United Arab Emirates**, our co-host, and staunch supporter of the dialogue.

- Your Excellency, **congratulations, and thank you for joining us after your portfolio was extended to cover industry too.**

Let me express my **sincere appreciation also to His Excellency Khalid Al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia.**

- Your Excellency, your country is **a true champion of the global energy dialogue.** Without Saudi Arabia and the

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commitment of His Excellency, **the dialogue would not be where it is today.**

I also recognize my dear friend, **His Excellency Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India, and chairman of the IEF Executive Board.**

- Your Excellency, we look forward to taking the outcomes of this Ministerial Roundtable **to the 16th IEF Ministerial Energy Forum, when India will host us on 10-12 April 2018 in New Delhi under your leadership.**

Your Excellencies, and Dear Friends, I recognize you all.

To say that the energy sector is **living through challenging times is an understatement.**

But it takes **only three steps, to move from vision to action in global energy markets in transition:**

- **Let the producer consumer dialogue evolve** in to a conversation among all energy sector stakeholders, and organisations.
- **Governments, and fossil and renewable industries help each other** across borders, and technologies to achieve the goals we all share.
- **Join hands in Asia, and beyond** to facilitate an orderly transition, accelerate efficiency gains, and deepen data transparency together.

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It is the way to **reduce uncertainty**, and **invest in Asia's rapidly growing economies** and the **quality of life of Asia's industrious population**.

The **time is right**, the **mood is right**, and the **place is right** for this **Ministerial**.

Let me **thank you for your presence** in the marvelous city of **Bangkok**, and **contributions to the 7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable tomorrow**, so graciously hosted by the Kingdom of **Thailand**.

I look forward **meeting you all**.