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Petrofed and RGU join forces to support India's oil and gas skills ambitions

In an order to enhance the sharing of industry knowledge, best practices between the regions, promoting joint training programmes and study visits in the Hydrocarbon Sector, PetroFed and Robert Gordon University (RGU), Scotland signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The MoU has come on the back of Robert Gordon University receiving funding from the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office to develop a training framework for the Indian energy sector and a visit from Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas to RGU in September 2016.

The main objectives of the MoU are development of the relationship between RGU and the member companies of PetroFed for development of technical and managerial skills for the Hydrocarbon sector in India.

Dr. R.K.Malhotra, Director General, PetroFed said, "India has ambitions to increase its share of hydrocarbon production domestically and reducing its energy import by 10% by 2022, as stated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, and becoming energy self-sufficient. With a view to provide sustainable workforce and to deliver the planned growth in hydrocarbon exploration and production, we have joined hands with RGU to assess the need for Oil & Gas sector related skills".

Professor Paul de Leeuw, Director of Robert Gordon University's Oil and Gas Institute (OGI), added, "We are delighted to strengthen our relationship with India. Our collaboration with PetroFed will lay the foundation for exchanging expertise between the Indian oil and gas industry and Robert Gordon University. Through our relationship, PetroFed members will be able to draw on our expertise, particularly in the areas of deep-water drilling and subsea. The MoU will also help to accelerate skills development in support of the Government's vision to increase domestic production and to reduce the country's dependence on hydrocarbon imports."

The OGI provides access to world-class expertise in the critical areas of drilling and wells, operations, decommissioning, operations, subsea and business excellence.

Led by industry experts and academics, the Institute works closely with the sector on the research and education required to maximise recovery of the world's hydrocarbon resources and to address the key challenges in the oil and gas industry.



Dr. R. K. Malhotra, DG, PetroFed and Prof. Paul de Leeuw, Director, RGU signing the MoU