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IMM conference in Bintulu discusses LOPC issue affecting O&G facilities

BINTULU: The conference conducted by Institute of Materials Malaysia (IMM) at Parkcity Everly Hotel here yesterday was meant to raise the awareness of loss of primary containment (LOPC) among those in workforce of oil and gas (O&G) facilities.

A total of 120 participants took part in the conference, which was initiated by Upskilling Sarawak Engineers and Technicians Task Force (Uset) and organised by IMM Bintulu Chapter, with support from the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) Bintulu Section.

"The topic for this conference is indeed a timely one – perhaps overdue, in that many O&G facilities are facing this issue but have not identified it as LOPC yet.

"I hope today's programme would assist all in gaining some pointers to prevent LOPC problems at their facilities," said IMM Bintulu chairman Raymond Phen in his opening remarks.

According to him, IMM was established in 1987 to create awareness of the importance of material science and technology in Malaysian industries.

"To achieve its objectives, IMM has conducted numerous conferences, seminars, workshops, training programmes and technical certification courses in the areas of material testing, metals and non-metals, corrosion, weldings, coatings, polymers, composites, vibrations and failure analysis for industries in Malaysia.

"In recent years, IMM has set up collaborations with universities and polytechnics to provide guidance to the students and also open industry-linkages for the lectures," said Phen.

The conference brought in six invited speakers, headlined by Datuk Dr Mohd Abdul Karim Abdullah who is the chief executive officer of Serba Dinamik Group Bhd – the main sponsor of the conference.

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general manager Chua Eng Sin who talked about online leak sealing; followed by Eric Schmitz from Team Furmanite who presented his paper on 'Joint Integrity Management'; Occupational Safety and Health Department director Datuk Johari Basri who is also group advisor to Serba Dinamik; Foo Hwa Chit of MLNG who is also IMM Bintulu deputy chairman; and Petronas head of health, safety and environment (HSE) upstream Yong Sai Chung.

The second session was a panel of discussion on prevention of LOPC, chaired by Yong.

The panellists were Shell MDS Sdn Bhd general manager for manufacturing Tom Wong, IMM-IEM Uset Task Force deputy chairman Lucas Takip, Petronas Sarawak Gas head Morris Mail and PSM/TIPS (Petronas) head Clista Sintian.