

Abu Dhabi oil fair among biggest in the world

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, November 5-8, 2006 > The **Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC)** is now one of the largest oil and gas events in the world.

The last show in 2004 was a success as it attracted 1,225 exhibitors from over 53 countries. Over 28,000 industry professionals visited the event from 71 countries. The conference theme was *Managing Resources and Opportunities for the Maturing Oil & Gas Industry*, featured 138 technical papers and was attended by over 2,600 delegates.

The Middle East holds two-thirds of the world's oil reserves and is working towards meeting the rising global demands for oil by investing billions on oil exploration, production, processing, maintenance and infrastructure development. New project announcements and exploration in the region have

resulted in a need for superior products and services. Accounting for 85% of the U.A.E.'s actual oil output, Abu Dhabi plans huge investment to raise oil production from 2.4 million barrels per day to 3 million by 2007.

This trade fair will feature manufacturers of oil and gas products, services, as well as important end users.

Canada will have a pavilion at ADIPEC and the cost to exhibit includes a furnished booth, the use of a hospitality lounge, power, carpets, security, lighting, a name board and a listing in the Canadian Exhibitor Directory.

For more information, go to www.adipec.com, or contact Venky Rao, the organizer's agent in Canada, tel.: (905) 896 7815, email: venkyrao@rogers.com, or Imad Arafat, Trade Commissioner, Canadian Embassy in Dubai, tel.: (011-971) 2-407-1300, email: imad.arafat@international.gc.ca, website: www.international.gc.ca/abudhabi.

See what's in store at Middle East design fair

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 7-11, 2006 >

Recognised globally as the Middle East's premier interiors event, **Index 2006** will be bigger and better this year.

Over the years, the strength of Index has been its focus on key areas of the interiors industry like furniture, flooring, lighting, textiles, wall covering and accessories. Having placed great importance on developing the show to make it a true 'one-stop' for architects, designers and specifiers, this year's focus will be further broadened.

The development of residential real estate continues to expand across the region. With more properties under development and ownership becoming easier, this event will

stimulate the growth of the interiors industry. Given the dynamic nature of the real estate sector and the positive long-term projections for the industry throughout the Middle East, billions of dollars are being invested by the public and private sectors in the region.

Last year, 31,140 trade visitors attended the show, which made it the region's biggest interiors industry showcase ever with exhibitors from 56 countries.

For more information, contact Sanam Shahani, Canadian Consulate in Dubai, email: sanam.shahani@international.gc.ca, or Index Dubai, the Canadian show agent, email: indexdubai@rogers.com, website: www.dmgdubai.com.

Range of services to be featured at Tunis exhibition

Tunis, Tunisia, June 8-9, 2006 > The Canadian Embassy in Tunis encourages exporters in the services sector to take part in the 2006 edition of the **International Services Exhibition**.

The first event, held in 2004, attracted more than 1,000 participants, including 365 foreign visitors from 30 countries and six international financial institutions and organizations. In fact, 97% of exhibitors expressed a desire to participate in the next International Services Exhibition.

With over 200 exhibitors to be showcased, the exhibition will bring together a broad sample of the services sector: from high-tech, health, engineering, to education, finance, marketing, communication and tourism. Development banks and international financial institutions will also be there to provide information on assistance for projects in Africa and the Middle East.

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Aid opportunities at International Development Days

Winnipeg, May 3-5, 2006 > Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters' **International Development Days: Investment in Developing Countries** will bring together representatives from international organizations, development agencies, and the Canadian and international private sectors to discuss opportunities for Canadian firms in the international aid market.

Representatives from the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, United Nations, Canadian International Development Agency, and other organizations will participate in sessions on topics such as tapping

project financing in developing countries, opportunities in the renewable energy, agri-food and water management sectors, and procurement for international development projects. Participating firms can meet with international decision makers individually and through a variety of networking events.

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Export breakfast seminar

Selling business services in the United States

Oakville, Ontario, May 18, 2006 > Are you wondering about U.S. immigration requirements for performing service work in the U.S.? How about your exposure to U.S. state or federal taxes, or banking issues? Wondering how to get started? The Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT), in partnership with the Canadian Consulate General in Buffalo, is presenting a breakfast seminar designed exclusively for service-based companies interested in beginning or expanding their export sales to the U.S.

Back for a third year, this seminar will address business immigration and visa requirements, border programs, corporate taxation and tips for marketing your business south of the border. To register for this seminar, go to www.ontarioexports.com/events and search events by keyword "services." Space is limited so register early.

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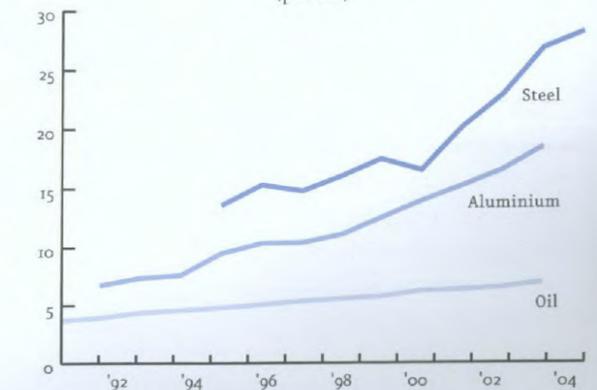
China's appetite for natural resources continues to grow

China's consumption of global resources has increased rapidly over the past decade and a half. Since the early 1990s, for example, China's shares in world consumption of oil, aluminum and steel have doubled, increasing 6.9% (5.6 million barrels per day), 18.6% (5.1 billion metric tonnes), and 28.5% (302 billion metric tonnes) respectively. China's growing demand has been driven primarily by a rise in manufacturing facilities located there and the inputs these facilities require. For some resources, such as steel, China is the main driver of current prices. If such prices stay high, this will have significant implications for Canada. However, supply increases may mean the current highs are only temporary. In steel's case, China has tripled domestic production in the past decade and is now a net exporter; prices have fallen accordingly.

Provided by the Trade and Economic Analysis Division (www.international.gc.ca/eet).

FACTS & FIGURES

China's Share of Global Resource Consumption (percent)



Data: Various sources