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Energy Industry Challenges Are Debated at Kuwait Event

On 12 June, the PMI Arabian Gulf Chapter (AGC) held its second PMI AGC Energy Forum. The event was held in cooperation with Data Media Systems (DMS) and under the support of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

The PMI AGC Energy Forum is a neutral platform that allows people to debate potential solutions to current energy industry challenges in an open environment. These challenges include escalating costs when there is a boom in the market, and cutbacks when there is a downturn. Issues discussed include commercial and technical challenges.

Participants were asked to shed their companies' prejudices, biases and positions. Instead, they were urged to focus on the intellectual debate and exchange views in an atmosphere of learning and networking. The objectives were to en-



Wael Al-Jasem (left) of the PMI Arabian Gulf Chapter with DMS Global President and CEO Mohammed Loch.

rich the energy industry as well as the participants' own learning, and help find better ways to work together.

The event highlights included:

- Interactive debate discussions with industry leaders, decision makers and experts;

- Speakers from a number of prominent companies, including ADMA-OPCO, Amec, BAPCO, Accenture, Agility, Dar SSH, AON, KPC, CH2M Hill, Larsen & Toubro, ISCO, Technicas Reonidas, Brisk Consulting, Fluor, KNPC, KOC, Trust Re, Worley Parsons, and ZADCO; and

PMI Arabian Gulf Chapter President Hashim Al-Rifaai with Mr. Loch.



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■ A panel discussion on the importance of professional project management certification.

The motions debated involved the use of the cost-plus model, who should be responsible for insurance on a project and what kind of contracts should be adopted by project owners.

Each of the debate motions lasted for an hour and a half with ample time for interaction with the audience to ask questions and voice their opinions. After each motion, the audience voted as to which side of the motion they agreed with.

At the end of the event, the audience chose their favorite speaker. The day concluded with an awards ceremony, at which the event's sponsors and speakers were thanked and the results of the debates were announced.

