

PIC a good investment for all parties



"Props to the Team' for going the extra mile in giving your best effort and upholding the commitment to safety at all times to ensure a safe and stable start-up. I strongly believe that our journey towards our start-up is all because of the team effort and working collaboratively as one. This investment is definitely a good one for both PETRONAS and Saudi Aramco," said SVP of Saudi Aramco Downstream, Mr. Mohammed Y Al Qahtani during his inaugural visit to PIC recently.

Mr Mohammed Al Qahtani's engagement visit serves as an opportunity to meet up and be up close and personal with the operations team who has been working tirelessly, going above and beyond in realizing the start-up activities. The event began with welcoming remarks by Datuk Sazali Hamzah where he reiterated that we have successfully passed the Atmospheric Residue Desulphurisation (ARDS) unit test and our plant will soon be up and ready for recommissioning.

On 20 June 2022, PIC received a visit by SVP of Saudi Aramco Downstream, Mr Mohammed Y Al Qahtani and, PETRONAS Executive Vice President EVP & CEO Downstream Business and PRefChem Chairman, Datuk Sazali Hamzah alongside the PRefChem BODs, PETRONAS and Saudi Aramco Leadership teams.

A quick sharing session by Mr. Hassan H Al-Yami, PRefChem Head of Engineering continued highlighting on the start-up updates and challenges. He further emphasized that PIC is collectively committed to always stay vigilant as it moves forward. Whenever we are faced with challenges along the way, we must continue to be proactive to strive for our success with the support of the shareholders to achieve it.

Mr Mohammed Al Qahtani applauded everyone's effort for achieving this amazing feat and great milestone after the restart. He further stressed the importance of the strong support from the PETRONAS Leadership team as well as the Saudi Aramco, and the commitment demonstrated by all parties are the determining factor of our success.

He also reminded all staff to always ensure that the plant is safely operated, and there should not be any shortcuts and compromises. He concluded his speech by sharing his aspiration and how much he is looking forward to the greater partnership after the alignment of this historic journey from our safe and stable start-up up to our Commercial Operations Date (COD).

Beyond Start-up: Passionate About Progress

We are now closing in to the end of the second month post-start-up with a couple of milestones achieved to mark our small victories along the way. Emboldened by the reassuring progress made in the process areas, the team is already stepping out in hopes of getting potential investors to choose the Pengerang Integrated Complex (PIC) as their next partner.

Ripe with about 40% vacant land to erect new assets and in line with PIC's Growth Blueprint, PIC hosted several international businesses to divert the current PIC configuration of 70:30 of fuel and petrochemical ratio to 50:50 by 2030. These strategic initiatives also support PETRONAS' MFT 50.30.0 aspirations of maximising revenue while minimising costs and expanding into non-traditional business.

The first visit was by PETRONAS Chemicals Group (PCG) and their potential partners on a petrochemical project, whereby the management meeting with PRPC also took place. This was followed by the site visit from PETRONAS Refining, Marketing and Trading (RM&T) and their potential partners on biofuels project. The visitors were brought to visit PIC One Team One Goal Centre (OTOGC), tour on key facilities and proposed plots.

However, offering enticing projects alone will not cut it in these competitive times. We've also discussed with the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and several service providers to determine the network coverage issues surrounding PIC. On top of that, we've also met with the Public Works Department (JKR) of the Kota Tinggi District to discuss road safety issues, especially the traffic lights compliance from Bandar Penawar to Pengerang.

We are also determined to offer a smooth and seamless investors' journey into PIC through our One Stop Centre initiative in line with our vision to become THE Regional Petrochemical Park. In the past couple of weeks, we had several meetings with the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and Johor Petroleum Development Corporation (JPDC).

Our confidence in displaying PIC's progress to our potential investors and government agencies at this moment in time stems from the promising start-up. Let's keep the momentum going and keep progressing!



Need For Speed

Wan Naazreen Idham Ya'kub recently made PIC proud when he finished 2nd place in Round 1 & 2 of the Malaysia Speed Festival (MSF) race in Sepang International Circuit (SIC). He also finished placed 13th from a total of 60 cars in the 2021 Sepang 1000km endurance race. The grueling race was a test of endurance for both machine & human to last more than 9 hours continuously, driving 180 laps with two drivers.

From a young age, Wan Naazreen Idham Ya'kub has always had a love for adrenaline rush and need for speed. He participated in 2-wheel motorcycle events during his varsity years until he was injured in a crash on the Karak Highway where he was inserted with titanium plates in the left side of his body in his hand, spine, arm, knee and foot.

Learning from that experience, he started to migrate into 4-wheel motorsports such as Go Karts and car clubs and finally made his debut into the motorsports scene via Saturday Night Fever in Sepang Circuit. Pursuing his passion, he later joined the several Driver Development Programmes such as Proton Driver Development Programme, Lotus Driving Academy, Professional 4WD Off-Road Driving by M4TREC and became an instructor for defensive and advanced driving courses.

Aiming to secure more podium finish in his 2022 race calendar and championship of category. He is also aiming to finish stronger in top position for his next participation in 2022 Sepang 1000KM endurance, and in his maiden debut in 25-hour Buriram Super Endurance in December 2022 to represent Malaysia.

"In any sport, when it comes to passion, it makes you strive and hustle hard for it. I love the adrenaline of going fast and going through the Gs. Initially I wanted to become a pilot but the platform to become one in my time was not as easy. I wasn't introduced by my parents but it came from my own passion," he told the writer.

Asked on the difference between driving fast on the road and the track, Naazreen said the difference between the two is that on the road, safety standards is not the same as in the circuit.

"In the circuit, the roads are wide and do not have other buildings, people walking around in case you overshoot your lane. On the roads, if you cannot control your vehicle, the magnitude of the damage and injury is big. The safety elements are totally different and exposure to the accidents are different as well.

"The first thing to do is Patuh first before telling others to do so. There are so many accidents that happened just by running through red lights. It is a wake up call to obey the traffic rules because if we don't, luck is not always on our side. We do have the ability to control what is within our control," he said before ending the interview.



Wan Naazreen Idham Ya'kub
Facilities Management, PRPC

Tazkirah



The Prophet said, "The most superior among you (Muslims) are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it."

(Bukhari 546)

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Quote of the Week

"The road to better safety is by being a good, vigilant and thoughtful driver. We can do this! Zero is possible!"



Rahmat B Siran
Head of Security,
Pengerang Region

What's Good in Pengerang?

Pineapple farm in Kampung Lepau

Johor is the largest pineapple producer followed by Sarawak, Sabah and Kedah, according to Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board. One of the many pineapple farms in Johor is located in Kampung Lepau, Pengerang, just a stone's throw away from PIC Main Gate 2. A local born engineer turned pineapple entrepreneur, Roslee Ismail, has been managing his pineapple farm since 2009 and he focuses on growing the MD2 pineapples due to its quality and high demand. Roslee managed to sell 2000 pineapples every week and ever since the media has given coverage on pineapple farms in Kampung Lepau, Roslee has been receiving large numbers of walk-in buyers as well. You can order MD2 pineapples through a representative at PIC by contacting Petah Nur Alifah Ilyana Abd Halid on MS Teams or 0127037320.

