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### **Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore Organises the 40th International Conference of the International Association of Energy Economics**

*Singapore, 13 June 2017* – The Energy Studies Institute (ESI), National University of Singapore (NUS), is organising the 40th International Conference of the International Association of Energy Economics (IAEE) in Singapore. The event will be held at the iconic Marina Bay Sands Hotel, Singapore, from 18 to 21 June 2017, with the main theme *Meeting the Energy Demands of Emerging Economies: Implications for Energy and Environmental Markets*.

IAEE Conferences attract delegates from the most influential government, corporate and academic energy decision-making institutions from around the world. Between 18th and 21st June, over 400 delegates from more than 40 countries will gather in Singapore to discuss the pressing issues related to energy markets including how they affect energy security and the environment. This is the first time an IAEE event is taking place in Singapore. The NUS Energy Studies Institute is honoured to organise and host this milestone event on behalf of Singapore, which takes place on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the NUS Energy Studies Institute.

The Conference will be graced by Guest of Honour, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Masagos Zulkifli, who will give the Opening Address in the morning of Monday, 19 June 2017. Professor Chou Siaw Kiang, Executive Director of the NUS Energy Studies Institute and Professor Ricardo Raineri Bernain, President of IAEE, will deliver the Welcome Remarks. Dr. Keisuke Sadamori, Director of Energy Markets and Security, International Energy Agency, will deliver the Keynote Address.

In keeping with the theme, a wide range of energy issues will be examined in their global context, with special attention given to the energy policies of emerging economies, which include the ten countries that make up the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) given their growing influence on global energy trends. Underpinned by rapid economic and demographic growth, energy demand in the ASEAN region has more than doubled in the last 25 years, a trend that is expected to continue till 2040. Given Southeast Asia's role as a global growth engine, understanding what is shaping energy markets in this vibrant region, and the implications for energy security and the environment, is vital for the stakeholders in the energy sector, including policy-makers.

The conference plenary sessions will cover the following topics: *Oil and Gas Markets: Global Actions and Regional Cooperation, Electricity Access in Emerging and Developing Countries, Climate Change, Lessons from Transmission Grid Expansion and Cross-Country Cooperation,*

*Global Gas Market Dynamics, The Economic future of Nuclear Power, East Asian Gas Markets in Transition, Energy Security, Energy Market Futures.*

There will also be 67 concurrent sessions over three days covering diverse topics. To name a few, there will be presentations on *climate change, power markets, energy grids and storage systems, emission reduction and trading, energy efficiency, natural gas markets, energy modelling, renewable energy, energy outlook of Asia, energy security and the environment, transport pollution issues* and the *political economy of oil supply*.

Your reporter is cordially invited to cover the conference opening, which starts at 9am, Monday, 19 June 2017 at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, Level 4, Orchid Pink Room. The conference programme is appended for your easy reference. **Please confirm your attendance by Thursday, 15 June 2017, 1pm.** Please note that videography and photography will only be allowed for interviews on the sidelines of the conference.

For information on the conference programme, please visit [www.iaee2017.sg/programme/](http://www.iaee2017.sg/programme/).

For more information on the Energy Studies Institute, NUS, please visit [www.esi.nus.edu.sg](http://www.esi.nus.edu.sg).

For more information on the International Associate for Energy Economics, please visit: [www.iaee.org](http://www.iaee.org).

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A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 17 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 38,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS takes an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to research, working with partners from industry, government and academia, to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in NUS' Schools and Faculties, 30 university-level research institutes and centres, and Research Centres of Excellence cover a wide range of themes including: energy, environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases common among Asians; active ageing; advanced materials; risk management and resilience of financial systems. The University's latest research focus is to use data sciences, optimisation research and cyber-security to support Singapore's Smart Nation initiative.

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## **About the Energy Studies Institute, NUS**

The Energy Studies Institute (ESI) is an autonomous research institute within the National University of Singapore. ESI was established in 2007 in response to the need to better understand global energy developments and their implications for Singapore. ESI examines the economic, environmental and international relations aspects of energy. Besides being a focal point for energy policy research in Singapore, ESI also contributes to energy dialogue and collaboration within the region.

In the short period since it was established, ESI has grown from strength to strength, organising international conferences, training workshops and seminars. ESI is working closely with international and Singapore-based scholars on collaborative research projects and have forged close relationships with many renowned policy institutions and universities. ESI is consistently ranked among the top think tanks in Energy and Resource Policy in the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report, published by the University of Pennsylvania.

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