



## Preface

### Message from the head of the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress Policy Council

Reliance on petroleum industry and oil exports as the most important features of the country's economy has always been criticized and there have been countless discussions about the merits and drawbacks of this trend. The oil industry is recognized as the main driving force of Iran's economic growth and plays an outstanding role towards reaching the goals of the national economy. Since the petroleum industry accounts for the highest share in financing the government budget, all those working in this field have a very important responsibility. The industry is expected to assist and facilitate, the conditions to produce nationally, address the problem of unemployment and reduce the existing challenges to provide funds, either directly or indirectly.

Iran's petroleum industry and the policies related to the field are of high importance for a variety of reasons. First, Iran's position and its share in the global energy market. Second is the geopolitical position of Iran in the Middle East connecting Asia, Europe and Africa and the access to the Strait of Hormuz. Third is the availability of huge hydrocarbon resources such as natural gas, which is projected to play a key role in supplying clean energy on a global scale in the coming decades. It is also set to provide better environmental and living conditions. And last but not least is the important role of oil and gas as a fuel for power plants, industries, transportation as well as the feed for petrochemicals.

Therefore, we need to take a variety of measures to plan mid- and long-term effective strategies to deal with the economic bottlenecks in the oil and gas industry and their related fields. Undoubtedly, it is of utmost importance to address various problems in this sector in order to develop and formulate tangible short-term and long-term solutions. Today, one of the most important concerns of the government is to take mitigation action to address the problem of exploration, drilling, development and production. Other areas



of concern include training human resources, deployment of cost effective state of art technology, consumption management, supporting private sector partnership, energy diplomacy, and achieving balance supply and demand using new efficient technologies. In order to stabilize the economy, a National will is needed to overcome these challenges; to achieve stable economic growth and maximize national interests.

Morover, it is essential to maintain a fair relationship and constructive engagement with international stakeholders and customers, use global technological and financial expertise and skills, spur domestic economic enterprises to promote their role in energy fields and oil industry in Iran, raise diplomatic and international status and develop bargaining power under different condition.

Considering these above circomstances, Iranian Petroleum and Energy Club (IPEC) as an Iranian NGO, organized by executives, experts and scholars in the oil and energy field, tries to prepare the ground to develop dynamic and gook relationship between elite and ctivities. Its main mission is to provide an opportunity to accelerate the development and improvement the quality of the country's energy industry. In addition, it criticizes the current procedures to improve the decision-making and business.

The Congress has been held in three regular periods over the past years with the presence of senior lecturers and top officials, which is aimed at transferring knowledge and experience of national and foreign activists in the oil and energy industry. I wish the congress played a constructive and active role in the establishment of sustainable development in the country.

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