

India hosts Asia Pacific's biennial international CNG industry event for the first time

Leading gas and automobile industry associations confirm their support

The Asia Pacific Natural Gas Vehicles Association (ANGVA) continues its theme of addressing the world needs for clean, economical, and stable supply of transportation fuel by having its first international CNG event in India, the world's second largest nation by population. ANGVA 2013, the 5th ANGVA Biennial International Conference & Exhibition, will be held in Greater Noida, New Delhi from 27-29 November 2013.

With the world's fifth largest number of CNG vehicles (after Pakistan, Iran, Argentina, and Brazil) India's hosting of ANGVA 2013 follows the success of ANGVA 2011 event in Beijing, China in October 2011 which attracted 183 exhibitors and 11439 professional visitors. The NGV market in India is projected to be among the top fastest growing NGV markets in the Asia Pacific region.

ANGVA 2013, hosted by GAIL Gas Ltd and supported by SIAM (the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers) and a host of industry and government organisations is set to address a wide range of industry topics including regulatory options for gas production and distribution, maximising utilisation of gas supplies, encouraging OEM's to develop more CNG vehicle choices and many others

Mr. J Wason, CEO of GAIL Gas Ltd, says 'we are very pleased to have the opportunity of welcoming ANGVA 2013 event to India and to showcase the immense effort that has been committed to the development of the CNG industry in India. As the access to gas supply extends to new territories, especially in the South, we are looking to increase the penetration of CNG networks and to carry with the industry the support infrastructure from CNG stations to OEM investment. With the regional focus of ANGVA we hope to share ideas on how to move the industry forward in a sustainable manner that will attract support of investors, shareholders, regulators, environmentalists and CNG specialists'.

Mr. Hesham Ali Mustafa, President of ANGVA, comments that 'the choice of India for ANGVA 2013 complements the objectives of ANGVA to represent the broad interest of the industry in a regional and global showcase event every two years. Following the success of China's hosting of ANGVA 2011, ANGVA is excited that India has taken up the challenge to host ANGVA 2013. This will enable the world to learn firsthand about the expanding NGV industry in the country, besides providing opportunities for networking, exchange of information and experiences, and business ventures'.

Mr KK Gandhi, Executive Director (Tech), SIAM (the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers) concurs that 'SIAM is delighted to welcome ANGVA to India. SIAM is keen to develop and promote gaseous fuels as an additional fuel option for the automobile industry. India is ideally placed to become the world's No 1 in Natural Gas Vehicles, if the key issues are addressed.

ANGVA 2013 would help bring a global perspective on the subject, while providing a forum to engage in dialogue with policy makers and showcase long term commitment of vehicle manufacturers in India to natural gas. We look forward to providing our full support for the event'

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ANGVA 2013 is being organised by Bangkok Exhibition Services Ltd, in association with Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd and follows the successful organisation of the NGV India shows in 2009 and 2010. ANGVA 2013 is expected to attract the support of more than 200 participating companies, 600 conference delegates and 6500 professional visitors, with international attendance targeted from across the Asia Pacific region, the Middle East and select African markets.

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