

# NGV COMES TO UZBEKISTAN

NGV TRANSPORTATION MAGAZINE ORGANIZED CENTRAL ASIA'S FIRST EVER NGV EXHIBITION IN JUNE 2012 - Event Report



NGV Transportation Magazine (Part of All Events Group Pte Ltd) partnered with the Association – Enterprises of Alternative Fuels and Energy to put together the 1st Central Asia Natural Gas Vehicles Exhibition and Conference on the 14 – 16 June 2012 at the Uzexpocentre, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The event is supported by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan and the Asia Pacific Natural Gas Vehicles Association (ANGVA) and sponsored by Lovato.

As the first project of its kind in Central Asia, the **CENTRAL ASIA NATURAL GAS VEHICLES EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE** is the largest exhibition of its kind in Central Asia, and is a good window to the opportunities for development in the NGV industry in Central Asia.

Gifted with abundant gas supplies, Uzbekistan has the fastest growing NGV fleet in the region, growing at a rate of 10,000 vehicles every month, bringing the population of the vehicles to 310,000 NGVs. Supporting that growth is the need for rapid development of infrastructure for gas-refilling stations and gas transportation networks. The **CENTRAL ASIA NATURAL GAS VEHICLES EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE** aims to deliver a platform for the dissemination of information on the technologies underlying gas infrastructure and vehicle conversions, as well as highlight key learning points for the sustainable growth of NGVs for the region.

Hosted in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the **CENTRAL ASIA NATURAL GAS VEHICLES EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE** brought together over 5543 visitors and 37 exhibitors to the exhibition, and 114 delegates to the conference. The event was also supported by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan and the Asia Pacific Natural Gas Vehicles Exhibition (ANGVA).

Senior officials from the relevant stakeholder agencies in Uzbekistan attended the event and the opening ceremony was officiated by, Mr. Ibragimov G.I, the Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shaixov A.E, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan, Mr. Alixanov B.B, Vice Speaker of Legislative Chamber of Republic of Uzbekistan and Mr. Lee Giok Seng, Executive Director of ANGVA. They praised the organisation of the event in Uzbekistan and hope for further cooperation in developing the NGV industry in Uzbekistan.



The conference attracted over 114 delegates, mostly from Uzbekistan and was attended by senior representatives from the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations of An Investment and Trade of The Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzbekneftegaz, Uzbekistan Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Certification, Ministry of Internal Affairs of The Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzavtosanoat, Uzbek Agency of Automobile and River Transport, amongst others. The conference discussed key developments in Uzbekistan's NGV industry, highlighting the various policies that have been adopted to steward the growth and ensure the safety of the industry. Speakers from Singapore, Indonesia, and Dubai were also invited to the event to share their country's challenges and experiences in adopting CNG as an alternative tool and tips were shared.

The exhibition attracted 37 exhibitors from 10 countries to exhibit, drawing a crowd of 5543 attendees. Most of the attendees came from Uzbekistan with a couple of attendees coming from Kazakhstan and Armenia.

The exhibition and conference also captured a lot of media attention on opening day. The exhibition was featured on an 8 minute spot on the National Television of Uzbekistan, and also appeared in separate spots on another 3 TV stations. Various articles also appeared in several newspapers, highlighting different aspects of the exhibition. Before the event, the exhibition was marketed through the radio, newspapers as well as billboards in the major cities of Uzbekistan.



As the first time ever that such an event was organized in Uzbekistan, the event was successful in showcasing the developments that Uzbekistan has made in the NGV marketplace and also allowed many companies to open doors to further business in Uzbekistan. Many senior level delegates and attendees brought high-level discussions to the table and allowed our exhibitors to learn a lot more about the business conditions and environment for entering the NGV marketplace in Central Asia.