



# On the Spot... Harris Hendraka

Ahead of the 42nd ASEAN Glass Conference to be staged on 24-27 September 2018 in Indonesia, Organising Committee Chairman Harris Hendraka spoke to *Glass Worldwide*, official journal of the AFGM.

**GW: What can visitors expect from the 42nd ASEAN Glass Conference in Yogyakarta this September?**

Every participant can expect very productive conference sessions, as well as very effective and expansive networking opportunities, combined

with the warmth of Indonesian traditional culture and hospitality.

**GW: What was the motivation to adopt the theme 'The colourful world of glass: Shaping the future and breakthroughs to excellence'?**

In facing many challenges and adversity, we want to view all the stakeholders of the glass industry as one beautiful, colourful synergy, together in facing the future of the industry.

**GW: How beneficial will the technical conference presentations be to attendees?**

It will be very useful, as we will choose new topics and new breakthroughs in technology for the glass industry from major researchers, manufacturers and service providers from around the world.

**GW: How important are networking opportunities during the event?**

As it always has been at previous ASEAN Glass Conferences, networking events were always a big part of the meeting and this year is no exception. We are looking to organise more intimate networking events this year, hoping that every delegate will have a chance to broaden their network and possibly create new business opportunities.



AFGM Chairman Viwat Supatham (left) with Vieglass and IGMA dignitaries at the 41st ASEAN Glass Conference in Vietnam.

**GW: Will the event appeal to visitors from the flat and hollow sectors?**

The event has always been attended by major players in the flat as well as hollow glass industry. Therefore, we are doing our best once again to balance the technical presentations

**Conference schedule**

**23 September 2018**  
Delegates arrival and registration

**24 September 2018**  
Delegates arrival and registration  
AFGM Golf Tournament  
Welcome cocktail reception

**25 September 2018**  
Opening ceremony  
Group photo session  
AFGM Plenary meeting  
Heritage Dinner Night

**26 September 2018**  
Technical sessions  
Yogyakarta city tour  
Dance Party Dinner

**27 September 2018**  
AFGM volcano tour  
Gala Farewell Dinner

**Organising Committee**

**Members of the organising committee of the 42nd ASEAN Glass Conference include:**

- Henry T Susanto, PT First National Glassware and IGMA Chairman
- Harris Hendraka, PT Kemasindo Ampuh and Organising Committee Chairman
- Dr Johan Dharmawan, PT Mulia Glass
- Achmad Arifin, O-I Indonesia
- Sanjaya Susanto, PT Mulia Glass
- Ferdyan Khouw, PT Mulia Glass
- Merry Kwan, PT OB Golf and Events



Harris Hendraka with fellow IGMA committee members Henry T Susanto (Chairman), Sanjaya Susanto and Dr Johan Dharmawan.



AFGM Chairman Viwat Supatham hands the AFGM flag to Henry T Susanto at the closing ceremony of the 41st ASEAN Conference.

between the two industries, so it will be appealing for all participants.

**GW: What will the location of Yogyakarta bring to the conference?**

Yogyakarta Special Region is one of the first and foremost cultural hotspots in the centre of Java. This region is located at the foot of the active Merapi Volcano and was the home of the mighty Javanese Empire of Mataram in the 16th and 17th Centuries. Due to its rich cultural history, Yogyakarta has inherited some unique traditions in Indonesia. The city has a charm and mixture of modern and traditional Indonesia that seldom fails to captivate visitors.

**GW: Having successfully chaired the organising committee of the 37th ASEAN Glass Conference in Bali in 2013, how do you feel about returning to chair the 2018 event?**

Every conference faces its own challenges and this year's conference will be no different. The slower world economy in general is one of the main question marks that I was

worried about at the beginning of the process. However, it turns out that the AFGM is blessed with so many loyal supporters and contributors for this event and I am optimistic that because of this support, we will once again host a productive and successful event.

**GW: Papers from the 42nd ASEAN Glass Conference will be published in 2019 issues of this magazine. How does Glass Worldwide being exclusive official journal of the AFGM benefit proceedings?**

As I mentioned in answer to the last question, the AFGM is blessed to have a lot of supporters, one of the most important being *Glass Worldwide* as the official journal of the AFGM. It provides the AFGM with a platform to inform everyone in the glass industry about every year's event from the preparation phase until the post event, as well as the papers presented during the event. I am sure I speak for everyone in the AFGM that we are very grateful to have this partnership with *Glass Worldwide* throughout the years. ●



The technical sessions at the 42nd ASEAN Glass conference will present breakthroughs in technology from major researchers, manufacturers and service providers.

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