

Relationships in key trade and investment markets strengthened

Strengthening Alberta's relationship to key markets and promoting the province's responsible oil development were the focus of International and Intergovernmental Relations Minister Iris Evans' recent advocacy work overseas that included stops in Kuwait and Qatar.

Evans spent 20 days meeting and speaking with key government leaders and prominent members of the business and investment communities, while furthering economic ties with Thailand, the U.K. and the United Arab Emirates to discuss mutually-beneficial opportunities in oil and gas, the petrochemicals industry and beyond.

"The backbone of Alberta's economy is our export-based industries," said Evans. "Access to these key markets is critical to our province's continued economic success."

Some of the key highlights of her mission included a keynote address to the Petroleum Training Institute of Thailand, a panel discussion at the World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi, and meetings with Ministers from participating countries including: the UAE's Ministers of Energy and Foreign Trade; Kuwait Ministers of Commerce and Industry and Oil and Information; and Qatar's Minister of Energy and Industry. The Minister also gave a presentation to the Canada U.K. Chamber of Commerce that highlighted Alberta's leadership on resource development, clean energy technologies and innovation.

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