The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) student chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) was officially launched on January 31, 2007 at the UTT Point Lisas Campus.

Mr. Zameer Mohammed, Senior Manager Business Development commenting after the function highlighted the fact that the UTT-SPE student chapter was the largest student chapter in the Caribbean and Latin America. Mr. Mohammed pointed out that the formation of the student chapter was part of a wider UTT initiative to enhance the total student experience and added that during 2007 students can expect an increase in the number of professional services inclusive of additional extracurricular activities at all our campuses. In fact, UTT has dedicated 2007 "The Year of The Student".

Mr. Troy Wilson, SPE student chapter President explained that the chapter "is made up of a group of students that are currently pursuing Diploma, Bachelor and Master degrees in the field of petroleum engineering."

Mr. Wilson commented that the UTT student chapter was fully aware of the demands and expectations of the oil and gas industry. He indicated that his membership would strive to achieve "a sound grasp of the technical and non technical aspects of the industry, gain mastery of professional communication and networking, and develop strong team work, leadership abilities and a good work ethic."

Mr. Jamaludin Khan, Manager of Enhanced Oil Recovery and Reserve at Petrotrin in delivering the feature address at the launch alerted the student members to the attributes of professionalism, integrity, leadership and ethics. Mr. Khan stressed the importance of leadership in today's corporate environment and urged students that there is no better time than the present to develop this capability.

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