

# Major Events

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**January 21** CNPC decided to mark the day of December 23 as the "Operational Safety Alert Day," and launched the year of "Operational Safety Management" at all levels of the company.

**January 29** CNPC and the Petroleum Ministry of Egypt signed a memorandum of cooperation and understanding in Cairo with respect to petroleum exploration in three blocks in Southern Egypt and other potential blocks.

**February 4** CNPC and SONATRACH signed the Protocol of Bilateral Cooperation in Petroleum between CNPC and SONATRACH.

**February 24** CNPC's "High Efficiency Exploration Theory and Practice in Block 1/2/4 of Sudanese Muglad Basin" won a First-Grade Science and Technology Advancement Award for 2003 by Chinese government.

**March 15** The crude oil pipeline in the Fula oilfield of Sudan was officially put into operation.

**May 19** CNPC and Kazakhstan's State-owned KazMunaiGaz (KMG) signed the Agreement on Basic Principles for the Construction of a Crude Oil Pipeline from Atasu in Kazakhstan to Alashankou in China.

**May 20** Changqing Oilfield Company announced the discovery of the Xifeng oilfield, a oilfield with a reserve of over 400 million tons of oil in the southwest of the Ordos Basin.

**June 15** CNPC and Uzbekneftgaz (Uzbek Oil and Gas) signed the Agreement on Reciprocal Cooperation in Crude Oil and Natural Gas between CNPC and the Uzbekneftgaz (Uzbek Oil and Gas).

**September 6** The West-East Gas Pipeline was fully completed.

**September 6** CNPC and Mauritania signed the "Petroleum Contract for Block Ta 13 & 21 and Block 12 in Mauritania."

**September 28** The construction of the Sino-Kazakh Oil Pipeline was formally commenced.

**October 1** The West-East Gas Pipeline was put into formal operation, with natural gas from the Tarim and Changqing fields being supplied to downstream users.

**October 8** Natural gas exploration in Eastern Sichuan made an important breakthrough. Well Qilibei 1 tested a daily gas flow of 800,000 cubic meters, making Qilibei structure a promising large gas field.

**October 15** China Petroleum Offshore Engineering Ltd. was established in Beijing.

**December 1** The main source of the West-East Gas Pipeline, the Kela-2 oilfield, was completed and put into production.

**December 24** CNPC announced the establishment of the CNCP Brand Management Committee in Beijing with the mission of reinforcing the management of the CNPC logo, the reasonable development and utilization of the brand, and the promotion of CNPC's overall presence and value.

**December 26** CNPC's new logo was launched.

**December 30** The commercial operation of the West-East Gas Pipeline was commenced.



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