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Jubilee in Aberdeen

It is now just exactly 20 years since the Faroes in large numbers travelled to Aberdeen to participate and experience for the very first time an oil exhibition/conference. This was in September 1991, and no fewer than 70 Faroese travelled to Aberdeen to glean some experience and determine what challenges emanated from an oil industry, as both oil and gas had been established in the close vicinity. At the time the Faroes experienced a very serious economic recession and Faroe politicians were eager to find some way out of the doldrums. Therefore two Government Cabinet ministers, Mr Thomas Arabo and Svend Åge Ellefsen together with several businessmen and other interested parties visited Aberdeen. Now twenty years later, another Faroe delegation is visiting the Scottish Granit City and this time only one Government Cabinet minister is in the delegation and this is Mr Johan Dahl, who is responsible for the hydrocarbon portfolio. App. 30 others, representing various authorities, companies etc., are also in the group. The participating Faroes companies are; Atlantic Petroleum, Atlantic Supple Base, El-Service, Faroe Ship, Faroe Tele, PAM Offshore Service, Runavik port authorities, Thor, Tórshavn port authorities, Faroe House of Industry, Tvøroyrar municipality and the Faroe Foreign Office. The Faroe companies are trying, each in their own way, to present to the oil industry that the Faroes area is interesting and that Faroe companies can be a part of not just an oil industry development in the Faroes, but also elsewhere round the world. Picture - Johan Dahl visiting Asco in Aberdeen. Photo - oljan.fo/Jan Müller