

REPORT ON 10 YEARS OF ASEAN-OSHNETWORKING

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INTRODUCTION.

In compliance with ILO's concerns and Instruments and to cope with the Global and National Challenges ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) was officially formed in 2000 through a memorandum of understanding among the ASEAN Member States. With a common Visions and Missions of: making an effective regional Occupational Safety and Health Network, fostering a Safe and Healthy working environment, enhancing the productive and competitive Workforce, towards a better quality of life , beneficial cooperation and solidarity among ASEAN member countries , high capacity in OSH Promotion, Training ,Research of the National Occupational Safety and Health Institutions, Free flow of Occupational Safety and Health Information through different means and gradually through I.T, harmonization of Occupational Safety and Health Standards and Guidelines among ASEAN Member States.

After its inception in 2000 , Indonesia was the first country to act as the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat and was successively until 2004.

Malaysia has officially taken over the secretariat job from Indonesia beginning July 2004-2007. And Lao PDR have officially taking over the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat job from Malaysia which beginning June 2008 to 2011.

PROGRAMME AREA.

So far, ASEAN-OSHNET has six priorities areas, where each Member Countries are responsible for a certain duty.

- Indonesia (Research);**
- Malaysia (Standard);**
- Philippines (Training);**
- Singapore (Inspection);**
- Thailand (Information);**
- Vietnam (National OSH Framework).**

- **With respect to policy formulation and enforcement (Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam have a dedicated organization specializing in OSH.**
- **Whereas in (Brunei, Laos and Myanmar), OSH policy making and enforcement responsibilities are fulfilled by agency also responsible for other general labour function. Only 5 have a directed government linked agency providing the specialist training, education and some R&D in OSH (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam).**

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Between the first ASEAN-OSHNET CBM1 in year 2000 and the 10th ASEAN-OSHNET CBM year 2009 , the implementation of the activities under ASEAN- OSHNET Plan of Action various activities and Plan of Action were evaluated and put on place to realize.

During 4 year period 2000-2004:

- The 1st Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM) held in Bali Indonesia 2-3 August 2000. The ASEAN-OSHNET Plan of Action for 2000-2004 was adopted.
- The 2nd Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 17-19 April 2001. ASEAN-OSHNET homepage was establish.
- The 3rd Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM) held in Manila, Philippines 18-19 April 2002. ASEAN-OSHNET homepage hyperlinks to 5 Countries
- The 4th Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM4) held in Singapore 22-24 July 2003. The Meeting agreed to adopt the guideline developed by Ministry Manpower of Singapore, bas on its experiences in protection and control of SARS.
- The 5th Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM) held in Chiang May ,Thailand 9-10 April 2004. The Meeting adopted ASEAN-OSHNET Plan of Action for 2004 - 2007, Hanover of responsibilities from Indonesia to Malaysia in hosting ASEAN - OSHNET Secretariat .
- Four Programme area namely: Information, Training, Standard and Research. 37 proposed activities have to follow up, but 32 activities have been implemented.

During 4 years period 2000-2004 ASEAN-OSHNET has successfully completed 86,5% of its plan of action.

During 3 Year Period 2004 - 2007.

- **The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH),the company**
- **limited by guarantee under Ministry of Human Resource, representing Malaysia has officially taken over the secretariat job from Indonesia beginning July 2004 - 2007. The project /activities that have been undertaken by ASEAN-OSHNET Member Countries in relation to the ASEAN - OSHNET plans of Action, during Malaysian tenure as Host Country of ASEAN - OSHNET Secretariat are summarized as follows:**

During 3 Year Period 2004 - 2007.

- **22 February 2005: Officially Launching of ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat in Malaysia. In this event which was attended by 200 OSH practitioners and representatives from the ASEAN embassies.**
- **17-18 March : The 6th Coordinating Board Meeting held in Ha Long Vietnam. The annual meeting was attended by 10 ASEAN Member Countries, and the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat were also attended. The CBM6 informed that Vietnam had implemented many activities related to OSH information, and the National Information Network of OSH were also established. Vietnam had also strengthened cooperation with regional and International Organization as well as ILO.**
- **20-29 June 2005 :The 8th Conference and Exhibition on OSH(COSH) in Kuala Lumpur ,Malaysia. In the Conference The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**
- **5-8 September 2005 : Participation in 21st Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization (APOSHO) Conference in Bali ,Indonesia. The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**
- **27 September- 1 October 2005 : Workshop on OSH Information in Bangkok ,Thailand was discussed on two main topics like: development of ASEAN-OSHNET Website and information for OSH Indicator of Country.**
- **8-9 February 2006 : Workshop on Inspection Policy for Workplace Safety and Health in Singapore. The Workshop's objective of sharing experiences in the area of OSH Inspection among member countries.**
- **5-17 February 2006: Pilot Course on KYT Technique in Bahasa Melayu for Malaysian and Indonesian Trainers in Tokyo Japan.**
- **6-10 March 2006: Workshop on CLP and GHS in Kula Lumpur , Malaysia. The workshop was made possible through the grant support from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. The resolution on draft ASEAN Guideline on the Classification, Labeling and Safety Data Sheet.**

During 3 Year Period 2004 - 2007.

- **5-6 April 2006 : 7th Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM7) in Yangon, Myanmar. The annual meeting was attended by 10 ASEAN Member Countries, and the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat were also attended and given opening remark.**
- **9-12 MAY 2006: Participation in 22nd Asia Pacific Occupational safety and Health Organization (APOSHO). It held in Bangkok Thailand. The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was once again given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**
- **17 -19 May 2006: Asia Pacific Organizations for Construction Safety and Health (APOCSH) in NIOSH Malaysia. The APOCSH was jointly organized by NIOSH Malaysia and The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat. The conference is an annual event with the aim to discuss current issues and challenge s in construction safety and health.**
- **12-14 September, 2006: The 9th Conference and Exhibition on OSH (COSH) in Kula Lumpur Malaysia. The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was once again given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**
- **25 September - 13 October 2006: Safety and Health Education for OSH Practitioners Training Course by JICOSH in Tokyo Japan.**
- **4 October 2006: Preparatory Meeting for the Southeast Asian Partnership for OSH in the Service Sector in Hanoi Vietnam. The main goal of the whole initiative is to develop a culture of safety and health in workplaces in the services industry a change in the mindset and behavior of both employers and workers in order that safe and healthy working environment becomes a permanent feature of all service sector workplaces.**
- **11-12 October 2006: The 4th Occupational Safety and Health Conference and Exhibition for Asia in Singapore. During the exhibition , the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**
- **20 December 2006: OSH Awareness Campaign for Service Sector Mindset Change: The Unions Role in OSH**

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Kula Lumpur Malaysia. During the meeting, the committee agreed that there is a common understanding regarding risk in the service sector.

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During 3 Year Period 2004 - 2007.

- **23 - 25 January 2007: ASAEN Policy Dialogue on National Occupational Safety and Health Framework in Singapore. The key objectives of Policy Dialogue on National Occupational Safety and Health Framework are as follow:**
 - a) to facilitate the understanding of ILO's new Convention and Recommendation on the Promotional Framework of OSH and its implementations for ASEAN;**
 - b) to facilitate the exchange of information and mutual understanding on the respective OSH Frameworks and management systems of ASAEN member countries;**
 - c) to develop a plan of action in helping ASEAN member countries progress in the implementation and strengthening of National OSH Frameworks;**
 - d) to explore possible technical collaboration in the area of OSH between ASEAN and the Plus Three countries (i.e China, Japan and Korea).**
- **26 - 27 March 2007: Conference on OSH for Service Sector Empowering Workers to Prevent Workplace Accidents in Kula Lumpur Malaysia. The conference aimed to serve as a platform for OSH professional in the service Sector to share and update their OSH knowledge and skills to meet the dynamic changes in the ASEAN countries working environment**
- **24 - 26 April 2007: 8th Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM8) in Brunei Darussalam. The meeting was attended by 10 delegates from ASEAN Member Countries. The Executive Director and representative of the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat also attended.**

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- **The key objectives have been identified of:**
 - a) **understand and facilitate the adoption of OSH best practices in ASEAN;**

 - b) **Raise the profile of ASEAN-OSHNET.**
 - **9 - 10 April 2007: Aligning the OSH Component of Risk Management with Overall Business Operation in Kula Lumpur Malaysia.**

 - **20-22 August 2007: 10th Conference and Exhibition on OSH (COSH) by NIOSH Malaysia in Genting Highland. The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**

 - **30 October - 2 November 2007: Participation in 23rd Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization (APOSHO) in Suntec Singapore. The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**

 - **5-6 December 2007: ASEAN-OSHNET+3 Policy Dialogue on OSH Management System in Kula Lumpur, Malaysia. This ASEAN-OSHNET+3 Policy Dialogue on OSHMS has been intended to bring together the 10 Member Countries of ASEAN-OSHNET ,as well the+3 Countries in the East Asian region, i.e. China, Japan and Korea to talk and discuss, and to share ideas and experiences, on a topic which is of great interest to all.**

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During 3 Year Period 2008 - 2011.

- **Some Progress during Lao People's Democratic Republic tenure as the host Country of ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat Are summarized as follow:**
- **22-24 April 2008: 9th Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM9) in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. The CBM9 was hosted and organized by the Ministry of Human Resources of Malaysia. It was attended by 10 ASEAN Member Countries. The ASEAN-OSHNET Director and representatives of the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat also attended. During the Opening Session of the CBM9, representatives of the ILO, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, and the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA) were invited to make presentations and discuss possible collaboration with ASEAN-OSHNET.**
- **12-14 May 2008 , ASEAN-OSHNET Workshop on National OSH Framework, in Hanoi, Vietnam. The key objective identified is to facilitate the development of a National Occupational Safety and Health Profile, Strategy and Programmes in each ASEAN member countries. This would contribute to the successful implementation of the ASEAN-OSHNET Plan of Action (endorsed at the 8th ASEAN - OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting) by 2012.**
- **16-17 December 2008: The 2nd ASEAN- OSHNET plus Three Policy Dialogue on Occupational Safety and Health Management System (OSHMS) , Genting Highland, Malaysia. This ASEAN- OSHNET plus Three Policy Dialogue Occupational Safety and Health Management System (OSHMS) has been intended to bring together the 10 Member Countries of ASEAN-OSHNET, as well the + 3 Countries in the East Asian region, i.e. Japan, China and Korea to talk and discourse, and to share ideas and experiences on Occupational Safety and Health Management System in SMEs in ASEAN Plus Three countries, and concluded that both OSH Management System and Risk Assessment would play important role in upgrading OSH level in SMEs and OSHMS would play a more important role to achieve the goal.**

During 3 Year Period 2008 - 2011.

- **ASEAN-OSHNET Workshop on Good OSH Practices 18-19 February 2009 ,Singapore.**
The key objective of this workshop was to facilitate the sharing and adoption of good OSH practices in the development of a National Occupational Safety and Health . The areas of interest included OSH legislation and enforcement, capability building programs, OSH promotion efforts and implementation of OSH Management Systems.
- **22-24 April 2008: 10th Coordinating Board Meeting (CBM9) in Siem Reap Cambodia.**
The CBM10 was hosted and organized by the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training of Cambodia. It was attended by 10 ASEAN Member Countries. The ASEAN-OSHNET Director of the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat also attended.
The representatives of the ILO and the Union Network International Asia Pacific Regional Organization (UNI-APRO) were invited to make presentations and discuss possible collaboration with ASEAN-OSHNET. CBM10 note that six projects and activities have been completed over the period of April 2008 to April 2009 including : (1) ASEAN Guidelines on classification, Labeling, and packaging of Hazardous Chemicals (coordinator: Malaysia); (2) ASEAN-OSHNET website in new Format (coordinator: Thailand); (3) OSH Inspection Workshop, 3-7 November 2008, Ha Noi, for inspectors and officials of the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) of Viet Nam (coordinator: Singapore); (4) ASEAN-OSHNET Workshop on Effective Implementation of National Promotional frameworks for OSH, 12-14 May 2008, Ha Noi; (5) 2nd ASEAN-OSHNET plus Three policy Dialogue on OSH Management System, 16-17 December 2008, Genting, Malaysia (coordinator: Malaysia); and (6) ASEAN-OSHNET Workshop on Good OSH practices, 18-19 February 2009 Singapore.

Regional and International Relation

- **Attended the 17th annual meeting held in September 2001 in Taiwan.**
 - **Attended the IALI Conference in Geneva from 14 - 17 June 2002 and presented the paper concerning to ASEAN OSHNET.**
 - **Attended the Occupational Safety and Health Conference held on 11- 12 September 2002 in Singapore and presented the paper to introduce ASEAN OSHNET.**
 - **The ASEAN OSHNET Secretariat cooperation with International Labour Organization (ILO) Geneva held a Survey on Hazardous Forms of Child Labour in Palm Oil Plantation located in North Sumatra Province, Indonesia.**
 - **Attended the Meeting of the 91st ILC in Geneva held on 2- 19 June 2003.**
 - **Attended Special Meeting on SARS in Manila, Philippine.**
 - **Invited to attend World Health Organization regional workshop on strengthening occupational health in the region in Phuket, Thailand 16-19 December 2003 and present paper the role of ASEAN-OSHNET in Capacity building.**
 - **Executive Director of ASAEN-OSHNET Secretariat reports the activities of ASAEN-OSHNET to the Asean Labour Ministers Meeting annually, since ASAEN-OSHNET has been institutionalized under SLOM and ALMM.**
 - **Attended the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work and 24th Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization (APOSHO24) Regional Meeting in Seoul Republic of Korea held in 2008. The ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat was given the privileged to operate public relations booth for promoting the ASEAN-OSHNET Activities.**
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- **Attended the International OSH Seminar in Japan and presented the paper to introduce ASEAN OSHNET.**

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ACHIEVEMENT/WORK PERFORMANCE

- **ASEAN - OSHNET appreciated by SLOM in Kuala Lumpur for our achievement in managing cooperation among member countries on OSH issues.**
- **ASEAN OSHNET work mechanism has become a model for other ASEAN's program activities .**
- **During 10 years period : 2000 - 2009, ASEAN OSHNET has successfully completed 86,5% of its plan of action.**
- **ASEAN OSHNET has been institutionalized under Senior Labour Official Meeting (SLOM) and Asian Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)**
- **The role of ASEAN OSHNET has been recognized by some regional and International Organization.**

CONSTRAINTS

- **Funding for the activities of ASEAN OSHNET Program are limited**
- **Follow up of the workshop in each ASEAN OSHNET member countries have not implemented yet due to some reasons.**
- **Cooperation and collaboration with international, regional and national institutions should be increased for technical and financial supports.**

RECOMMENDATION

- **Providing appropriate funding for ASEAN OSHNET programs . ASEAN OSHNET recommend to the SLOM that ASEAN Labour Ministries consider a separate allocation of their annual budget for Implementation of ASEAN OSHNET priorities.**
- **Involving stakeholder in the region and each member countries to participate actively in ASEAN OSHNET program activities.**
- **Commitment and authority to implement the result of workshop or decision agreed during CBM .**
- **ASEAN OSHNET Secretariat is looking forward to getting more support from Dialogue partners .**
- **To closely engage to the ILO and WHO for technical and financial support.**

CONCLUSION

Facing both global and National OSH challenges to comply with the ILO Convention and strategy on OSH, along with Plan of Action as well as Six Programme Areas adopted by CBM10, there is much work that needs to be done, in order to achieve ASEAN-OSHNET Target.

Lao PDR as the newly host of the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat would like to state its promise to continue and strengthen further close cooperation with our ASEAN Members under the spirit of fraternity, ASEAN Dialogue Partners ILO and all other Local- International Organizations concerned, to ensure that the Vision and Mission of ASEAN - OSHNET are realized.

On behalf the Executive Director of ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat I would like to take this opportunity to ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat applaud and congratulate our predecessors, the Indonesian and Malaysian for the achievements they have accomplished during their tenure as hosts.

Thank you. God bless you all

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