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PUTRAJAYA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (PICC)

“BRIDGING THE OSH GAP THROUGH A PREVENTION CULTURE”
I am pleased to welcome all of you to the 19th Conference and Exhibition on Occupational Safety and Health, themed “BRIDGING THE OSH GAP THROUGH A PREVENTION CULTURE”.

We are greatly honoured for the kind presence of the Honourable Deputy Minister this morning to deliver the keynote address and officiate COSH 2016. We deeply appreciate the Deputy Minister’s commitment to the promotion of occupational safety and health (OSH) in the country.

As an organisation committed to assist industries, employers and employees to effectively manage and improve OSH standards in their organisations, NIOSH will continue to ensure that COSH themes are relevant and quality speakers are invited for the benefit of OSH fraternity that shares a common goal, which is to achieve a safer and healthier workplace for all.

Every year, senior Government leaders, decision and policy makers, occupational safety and health practitioners, professionals, academicians, employers, as well as representatives from the public and private sectors gather at COSH to share best practices and latest findings as well as exchange of knowledge and ideas.

COSH 2016 is thus the premier forum to help organisations formulate the best solutions and strategies to enhance the safety and health standards as well as address OSH concerns in the current dynamic and challenging landscape.

Although in Malaysia, awareness about OSH has steadily increased over the years, only a strong commitment to an OSH management system will achieve an OSH culture in the organisation.

SOSCO statistics show that the number of industrial accidents had fallen significantly over the past decade. There were 34,272 industrial accidents last year compared with 43,885 cases in 2005.

On the other hand, commuting accidents has been on an upward trend. A total of 28,591 commuting accidents was recorded in 2015, which represents a whopping 65.3 per cent increase from 17,297 cases in 2005.

For the past 10 months, accidents involving children grabbed headlines in the media. These include accidents at schools, water-related recreational areas and while using escalators. The injuries or death of these children could have been avoided if OSH regulations and practices were complied with and observed at those locations.

Majority of workplace accidents and diseases is preventable. Accidents do not just happen, they can be prevented. Prevention should be part of our culture and embraced by everyone.

Work instructions, safety equipment and technical improvements cannot fully guarantee that OSH objectives are met, especially in preventing work-related accidents and diseases.

What we need is a culture of prevention, which is achieved through life-long education, learning through experience and information dissemination. The principles of prevention should be incorporated in laws, moral studies, customs, behaviours and beliefs.

According to ILO Convention No. 187: Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006, “a national preventative safety and health culture” is a culture in which the right to safe and healthy working environment is respected at all levels, where government, employers and workers actively participate in securing a safe and healthy working environment through a system of defined rights, responsibilities and duties, and where the principle of prevention is accorded the highest priority.
The prevention culture is also the cornerstone of Malaysia’s Occupational Safety and Health Master Plan for 2016-2020 with the theme, “OSH Transformation – Preventive Culture”.

The global trend in OSH today is towards a more integrated prevention concept. OSH is now regarded as a social responsibility and countries are required to have a blueprint for building an accident prevention culture with a framework for national and international prevention strategies.

Establishing a safe and healthy work environment requires changes in how the culture of the organisation understands and acts on safety. These changes require leadership capable of transforming not just a physical environment, but also the beliefs and practices of those who create the risk and those who work with the risk.

During the current challenging time characterised by intense global competition, it is not enough for companies to make safety a priority. Priorities change but culture stands the test of time.

Companies must be willing to consistently invest to improve OSH because having a healthy workforce and a safe workplace adds value to the business and increases competitiveness.

Preventive safety and health culture is now more important with the growing concern of work-related stress, attributed to the complex nature of jobs and demands of the contemporary work environment. Stress, if not managed well, could lead to greater psycho-social risks at work and would be very costly to organisation.

In our endeavour to build a culture of prevention, NIOSH has taken an initiative to instil OSH awareness from an early age for school children to prepare them to be more conscious of safety and health when they eventually join the work environment.

In short, to ensure a successful prevention culture, we need to internalise OSH awareness and understanding into business practices at the enterprise level and macro policies at the national level. Within the organisation, it is essential to assimilate good OSH values into the mindsets and behaviours of managers and employees.

Before I conclude allow me once again as NIOSH Chairman to thank distinguished guests, conference speakers, participants and exhibitors including the generous sponsors in making this event a success. My special thanks especially to organising committee members for their efforts and hardwork in making COSH 2016 a reality.

I hope that at the end of COSH 2016, we will come up with better and more innovative ways to develop and foster preventive culture to meet the country’s target of achieving zero accident in the workplace.

Allow me to conclude my speech with an inspiring quote from the boxing legend Muhammad Ali, who once said, “If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it – then I can achieve it.”

So, ladies and gentlemen, zero accident in the workplace is not an impossible feat if we put our mind and heart to it.

Thank you.

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Pihak penganjur menggunakan beberapa kemudahan seperti kemudahan Hostel, Bilik Latihan dan Dewan sepanjang program Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (TCTP) 2016 ini berlangsung.

PERSIDANGAN DAN PAMERAN KESELAMATAN DAN KESIHATAN PEKERJAAN KALI KE-19 (COSH 2016)

Pada 21-23 Ogos 2016 telah berlangsung Persidangan bagi Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan 2016 kali ke 19, COSH 2016 kali ini berlangsung di Putrajaya International Convention Center (PICC) Putrajaya. Persidangan tahunan ini telah mengumpulkan seramai lebih kurang 1,600 peserta yang terdiri dari kalangan pengamal pengamal OSH.

Persidangan ini adalah perhimpunan yang paling bermakna dan berinformasi bagi setiap pengamal KKP bagi mereka mengetahui maklumat serta perkembangan terkini di dalam bidang KKP serta berkongsi pengalaman berharga demi memartabatkan budaya kerja selamat dan sihat. Pameran turut diadakan bagi memenuhi keperluan semasa persidangan itu berlangsung.

MAJLIS MENANDATANGANI MEMORANDUM PERJANJIAN (MoU) DI ANTARA NIOSH DENGAN SARAWAK ENERGY BERHAD


MoU ini telah ditandatangani oleh Pengarah Eksekutif NIOSH, Tn Haji Zahrim Osman dan Datuk Torstein Dale Sjøtveit, Group Chief Executive Officer SEB dengan disaksikan En. Mohamad Anizan Mohammed Amin, Pengurus Pejabat Wilayah Sarawak dan Hajah Siti Aisah Adenan, Vice President People and Leadership Development SEB.

Skop kerjasama selama tiga (3) tahun ini adalah di dalam melatih kakitangan dan kontraktor di bawah SEB tentang cara kerja yang selamat dan sihat.
Riot laments critical shortage of OSH officers

There is a critical shortage of occupational safety and health (OSH) officers in the country with only 1,000 of them to cater to four million workers, says Human Resource Minister Datuk Seri Richard Riot.

He said the number of workers increased each year but not techni-
cally OSH officers.

"The shortage of OSH competent officers is important to deal with

OSH challenges," said Riot, adding that among the challenges were

changes in technology, increased task complexity, and increased

workload of Department of Occupational Safety and Health

(DoSH) officers.

"There are only 1,000 officers to cater to four million workers from

175,000 workplaces registered with the department in 2015," Riot said

after officiating at the closing cere-

mony of Malaysian Technical

Cooperation Programme 2016:

Occupational Safety and Health

Competency Management training

here yesterday.

Despite the shortcomings, the

ministry is targeting to lower the

number of industrial accidents each

year.

"In 2015, the number of accidents
decreased by 38,753 cases compared to

40,596 industrial cases reported 10

years ago. Analysis reported that

7.25 fatal accidents occurred for

every 100,000 workers and 4.77

accidents for every 1,000 workers in

2006," he said.

Last year’s analysis showed a big
decrease, recording only 4.84 fatal

accidents for every 100,000 workers.

The rate of accidents per 1,000 workers
dropped to 2.81.

He added that competency

among OSH officers played a

role towards achieving the target.
Be more stringent on safety precautions, urges Lam Thye

By SHAZNI OONG

PETALING JAYA: All construction crane operators must be certified employees by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), said Tan Sri Lam Thye. The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health chairman said those companies operating cranes must also be registered with DOSH.

"Commencing on Thursday's incident where a crane hook fell at a construction site and crushed a woman to death in her car, I am deeply shocked and saddened by this terrible accident. In the past, the authorities have been very stringent in monitoring and enforcing laws and regulations under the Factories and Machinery Act," he said.

"The safety measures in place at the construction sites should have been in place, but the employees did not follow them or did not know how to work properly. Sometimes, we can see big, heavy construction concrete blocks hanging over public areas. This can cause anxiety among pedestrians and motorists passing the area," he added.

Lam further added that if areas near construction sites need to be closed off to traffic, it should be done to prevent an accident from happening. "Sometimes, we can see big, heavy concrete blocks hanging over public areas. This can cause anxiety among pedestrians and motorists passing the area," he said.

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Tahani sakit sejama kaki tersebut mesin bancu tar

Seorang lelaki warga Bangladesh menahan sakit satu jam apabila kaki kirinya tersebut dalam mesin pembancu tar jalan di Kampung Tengku Dato Mohd Kahdi, di sini hari ini.

Dalam kejadian jam 11.45 pagi, marga berusia 22 tahun mengendalikan mesin pembancu tar jalan di Kampung Tengku Dato Mohd Kahdi, di sini hari ini.

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"Kami mengambil masa tahan sakit sejama kaki tersebut dalam mesin pembancu tar.

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