

SLP and IES to collaborate on training

SLP had worked with IES (Institution of Engineers, Singapore) in the past on organizing joint training courses. When we were invited again to co-organize some training courses, our Exco supported this proposal and appointed Ivan Sin and Ngiam Tong Yuen to be our representatives in this venture.

When Ivan and Tong Yuen met IES's representatives headed by Tan Kai Hong, the scope was broadened, from an ad hoc arrangement for a single course or two, into a program that would cover 2 years in the first instance. The working group came to this conclusion after studying the four strategies promulgated in WSH 2018.

These strategies are:

- 1) Build strong capabilities**
- 2) Implement an effective regulatory framework**
- 3) Promote benefits of WSH and recognize best practices, and**
- 4) Develop strong partnerships locally and internationally**

It is clear from this list that the greatest impact that SLP and IES can make to this national effort is to work on building capabilities, hence the training program.

The 2-yr training program will provide continuity and a clearly enunciated objective. The working group has chosen the tagline as, "Towards Zero Incidents". The program will be inaugurated via a seminar where the keynote speaker will be the President of IES, Ho Siong Hin, who is also the Commissioner for WSH. He will be supported by leaders from industry associations such as those from construction, marine and chemical industries. These industry leaders will set the tone for the rest of the training program.

A 2-yr program will be published at the inaugural seminar. Training courses will be conducted at regular intervals. Topics such as Designing Safety In, Safety is Free or Estimating the True Cost of an Accident, Building a Safety Culture in your Company, Incident Investigation — Going for the Root Cause, Working in Confined Spaces, Eliminating Accidents from Working at Heights, HAZOPS Leaders course, LOPA, Making your contractor a Partner in Safety and so on may be included. Course instructors will be from industry so that the subjects will be presented from a practitioner's point of view.

At present our own Exco. and the IES Council have accepted the program in principle and the working group is working on the execution plan.

Watch out for more announcements on this!

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