

the outcomes of the Policy Dialogue over past 5 years



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background

Decrease and prevention of occupational accidents and diseases became a matter of concern among ASEAN+3 countries.

C187 and R197 was adopted in International Labor Conference in 2006.

C187 Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006

R197 Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006

Discussion and cooperation between countries on the framework for occupational safety and health was needed.

background

OSHMS became one of important issues of ASEAN-OSHNET

It was agreed that ASEAN would give priority to OSH in labor issues and hold a governmental dialogue on OSH policies and OSHMS in ASEAN+3 Labor Ministerial Meeting held in May 2006.

Based on a proposal by Japanese government, it was agreed to hold a governmental dialogue in ASEAN OSH-NET Meeting in April 2007

1st ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three Policy Dialogue on OSHMS December, 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

We are convinced that OSHMS can be effective voluntary tool of enterprises to promote to set out OSH policy by top management, raise awareness of OSH responsibility of enterprises, and decrease risks in work place

We confirm that ASEAN Plus Three countries needs further cooperation to exchange views and share experience and expertise of OSHMS periodically, and discuss the possibility to hold the next Dialog Meeting at the 9th ASEAN OSHNET coordinating Board Meeting in next year.

We also note there are significant needs of joint OSHMS seminar and workshop, and joint training program for practitioner of OSHMS for further possible cooperation.

**2nd ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three
Policy Dialogue on OSHMS
December, 2008, Genting Highlands, Malaysia**

Countries of ASEAN Plus Three put high priority in upgrading the level of occupational safety and health in enterprises including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and OSHMS would play a more important role to achieve the goal.

Many SMEs are having difficulty in fulfilling all the requirements of OSHMS due to the limitations on human and financial resources. To tackle the situation, some countries are promoting risk assessment, which is the core element of OSHMS, in advance, and others are introducing simpler version of OSHMS for SMEs. We are convinced that the both approaches are effective as the mechanisms to achieve the total adoption of OSHMS in a gradual manner.

**2nd ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three
Policy Dialogue on OSHMS
December, 2008, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

We are convinced that introducing OSHMS based ILO-OSH 2001, which is the sole international guideline on OSHMS, is most useful when introducing OSHMS in ASEAN Plus Three countries.

We agreed that

Malaysia would lead the project of developing guidance documents on the implementation of OSHMS in SMEs.

The first draft guidance would be circulated within six months from the endorsement at the 10th ASEAN OSHNET coordination Board Meeting (CBM) to be held in 2009.

Other ASEAN Plus Three countries would support Malaysia on the development of the guidance documents.

A joint workshop to discuss the first draft guidance documents would be held under the auspice of the ASEAN Plus Three Policy Dialogue on OSHMS.

**3rd ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three
Policy Dialogue on OSHMS
February, 2010, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR**

We were separated into two groups, examined and discussed about the draft of the guideline. Both groups made proposals for improvement of the guideline.

ASEAN+3 countries give priority to improving OSH in SMEs. OSHMS is an important element to achieve the purpose.

As it is not obvious how future economic situation turns out, we must consider of making a more feasible program.

We realized the necessity of holding joint seminars to spread commentaries on OSHMS for SMEs and training persons who carry out Risk Assessment in SEMs in ASEAN+3 countries.

**4th ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three
Policy Dialogue on OSHMS
February, 2011, Manila, Philippines**

—Introduction OSHMS activities in ASEAN+3 countries.

—Presentation about “Safety and Health Management System for Small and Medium Industries”.

**4th ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three
Policy Dialogue on OSHMS
February, 2011, Manila, Philippines**

Strengthen ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three collaboration on implementation of OSH-MS focusing on risk management (hazard identification, risk assessment, risk control) strategies in reducing hazard exposure and preventing work-related injuries and illness

Develop country-specific guidance notes on OSH-MS using as a reference the "ASEAN Guidance Note on Occupational Safety and Health Management System for Small and Medium Enterprises.

Support public-private partnership in responding to OSH issues and problems of small and medium enterprises through voluntary activities to promote the implementation of country-specific guidance notes on OSH-MS

After this

TRAINING PERSONS WHO CARRY OUT OSHMS

- Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JISHA) will hold a group training course in cooperation with JICA.
- The training course includes not only lectures about OSHMS but practice.
- I hope each country will participate this training course and establish a training system of OSHMS.

JICA PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH MALAYSIA DOSH

- The JICA technical cooperation project which started in 2007 in cooperation with Malaysia DOSH will finish in April.
- We are considering to hold third country training course to promote OSHMS activities in SMEs in cooperation with DOSH.

