



## REPORT OF

### THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN-OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH NETWORK (ASEAN-OSHNET) COORDINATING BOARD MEETING (CBM-20)

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#### AGENDA ITEM 6 COOPERATION OF ASEAN-OSHNET WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES [OPEN SESSION]

##### *a) International Labour Organization (ILO)*

1. Dr. Francisco Santos O'Connor, Senior Specialist in OSH, ILO from ILO ROAP opened his presentation by highlighting the key developments on OSH in the ASEAN region in 2018-2019 and the ILO's commitment for continuous support to the realization of the ASEAN-OSHNET Plan of Action (2016-2020) and the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Plan (2016-2020) through support of different programmes and projects of the ILO. Dr. Santos further highlighted the ratification of ILO's Conventions relating to OSH in the ASEAN region. Out of the 10 AMS, 5 AMS have ratified Convention 187 concerning the promotional framework for occupational safety and health while 1 AMS has ratified Convention 155 concerning occupational safety and health and the working environment. He encouraged all AMS to ratify Conventions 187 and 155 as it is crucial to the realisation of OSH in the region. Furthermore, he reiterated that AMS may also wish to consider ratifying other ILO Conventions relating to OSH, including Convention 161 concerning occupational health service, Convention 162 concerning safety in the use of asbestos, Convention 170 concerning safety in the use of chemical at work, Convention 174 concerning the prevention of major industrial accidents, Convention 167 concerning safety and health in construction and Convention 176 concerning safety and health in mines. Among all these, only the Philippines has ratified Convention 176. Moving forward, the ILO is committed to continue its support to the implementation of the ASEAN-OSHNET Plan of Action, strengthen social dialogue on OSH in the ASEAN region, support AMS' OSH policy, programme, development, implementation and review with due regard to ILO OSH Instruments, information and knowledge sharing on OSH, capacity building on OSH in AMS, and prevention of pneumoconiosis and asbestos related diseases. The ILO is also committed to

support development and implementation of projects and sharing of experience within ASEAN to tackle emerging risks on OSH and adapt to the future of work. The ILO has also offered collaboration with the ASEAN Health Sector in the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda, specifically in the development of ASEAN guidelines for occupational health surveillance and diagnostic criteria for occupational diseases.

2. The Meeting exchange views on the presentation of the ILO as follow:

- a. Singapore highlighted the development of the next ASEAN-OSHNET Plan of Action (2021-2025) which is led by Indonesia with the help of Thailand and Singapore. A policy dialogue is planned to be held to develop the Plan of Action (PoA). Singapore inquired ILO's willingness to support the development of the PoA and the policy dialogue. Furthermore, Singapore reiterated that the next World Congress on Safety and Health at Work will be held in Toronto, Canada, in 2020. Singapore inquired whether there will be a lot for ASEAN-OSHNET to organise an ASEAN OSH symposium at the World Congress, as what happened in the 2017 Congress in Singapore.
- b. The Philippines inquired whether ASEAN-OSHNET will be highlighted in the feature of the ILO Centenary.
- c. Malaysia inquired whether ILO can provide support for AMS to accelerate the ratification of Convention 155.
- d. In response, Dr. Santos O'Connor expressed ILO's readiness to support the development of ASEAN-OSHNET PoA (2021-2025) and the policy dialogue to develop the PoA, as well as AMS' efforts in the ratification of Convention 155. Furthermore, he reiterated that the conduct of the ASEAN OSH symposium in the upcoming 2020 is possible, but the preparation has to begin as soon as possible. In closing, Dr. Santos O'Connor stated his willingness to try to highlight ASEAN-OSHNET in the ILO Centenary.

b) *International Association of Labour Inspection (IALI)*

3. Mr. Kevin Myers, President of IALI highlighted that among all AMS, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore (also the Secretary General of IALI), Thailand and Viet Nam are members of IALI. He encouraged all remaining AMS to join IALI. In supporting labour inspectors, the IALI has produced the International Benchmarking on OSH Regulation (IBOR) to provide a structured framework for peer review of labour inspectorates, monitor progress on the journey of continuous improvement and to provide advice on areas for improvement. Presented to the CBM-19, the benefits of IBOR include the provision of structured way to build up capability of labour inspectorates in a progressive

manner, enhanced professionalism and recognition of the labour inspectorate system internationally and provision of assurance to governments, investors and businesses on labour inspectorates. The IALI stands ready to deliver IBOR assessments to AMS. While the initial few years of the IBOR assessments is free, a fee is required for the assessments in the following years. The presentation slides of IALI appears as **ANNEX 30**.

4. The Meeting exchange views on the presentation of IALI as follow:
  - a. Malaysia expressed its willingness to get involve in IBOR assessment and requested IALI's support for the assessment. Malaysia suggested IALI to benchmark AMS' that have conducted IBOR assessment with each other for the benefit of ASEAN-OSHNET.
  - b. The Philippines expressed its interest to become the member of IALI. While informing ILO that the Philippines is in the process of ratifying Convention 81 concerning labour inspection in industry and commerce, the Philippines highlighted that labour inspection is prone to harassment and corruption cases. The Philippines inquired whether IALI has any initiatives to handle this situation.
  - c. Viet Nam highlighted its national situation that while there are more than 50 million employees registered in the system, there are only a little more than 300 labour inspectors employed by the government. This resulted in only 22% enterprises inspected annually in the country. Viet Nam requested further support and coordination with IALI and other AMS in inspection activities to prevent accident in the work place. Furthermore, Viet Nam invited IALI to be a resource person in the MOLISA/ILO/ASEAN-OSHNET Workshop on Promoting Social Dialogue to Improve Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) that will be held on 24 April 2019 in Ninh Binh, Viet Nam.
  - d. Mr. Myers expressed IALI's readiness to support Malaysia in IBOR assessment. Furthermore, he explained the criteria for IALI's membership which is that the member has to be an organisation that represent labour inspectorate in the country and fill the application form. IALI will then review the application and if accepted, the applicant will have to pay membership fee (Membership fees fall into various categories from 550 to 2640 Swiss Francs per annum depending on the size of the country/economy. One Swiss Franc equates approximately to a US Dollar). In response to the question on IALI's initiatives on corruption and harassment, he explained that IALI has produced documents to support labour inspectors, including global code of integrity which highlights this issue. In response to Viet Nam's comment, Mr. Myers agreed that labour inspectors are usually not adequately supported. Therefore, efforts have to be made to ensure labour inspectors to work in the most efficient and effective way. Lastly, Mr. Myers stated that IALI will attempt to attend Viet Nam's event as resource person.

*c) Asia Pacific Occupational Safety & Health Organization (APOSHO)*

5. Mr. Ameer Ali Abdeali, Honorary Member, APOSHO, together with representative Ms. Haslayati Hashim updated the meeting that currently, APOSHO comprises of 28 Full Members from 16 different countries, 3 Associate Members and 6 Affiliate Members. Each year, APOSHO holds its Annual General Meeting together with conference on OSH where presentations are made by experts in the field. The next APOSHO Conference will be held on 5-8 September 2019 in Guiyang, China, carrying the theme “Caring for Life and Jointly Forging Ahead on OSH” while the 2020 annual APOSHO Conference will be held in Kuala Lumpur. APOSHO encouraged ASEAN-OSHNET to attend both conferences. Moving forward, APOSHO would encourage its members to initiate OSH master plan within their own organisation, encourage development of OSH competency framework and the promotion of health and wellbeing on OSH in their respective countries, to conduct smart sharing of resources with other interested parties, and to standardise OSH performance and initiative. APOSHO looks forward to work together with ASEAN-OSHNET as APOSHO can be a platform for collaboration and partnership to raise concerns and issues related to OSH at other regional and international level and to act as source of communication and feedback regarding ASEAN OSH Net policies implementation. The presentation slides of APOSHO appears as **ANNEX 31**.

*d) Ministry of Emergency Management, People’s Republic of China (MEM)*

6. Mr. Li Yunqiang, Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation and Rescue, Ministry of Emergency Management (MEM), People’s Republic of China updated the Meeting that, acknowledging the growing need to integrate emergency management functions including work safety, fire, earthquakes, flood and droughts into one organization and optimize emergency resources to respond to disasters in a unified manner, the establishment of MEM in 2018 is significant. MEM was officially established on 16 April 2018 and possesses 13 functions that are implemented through 11 agencies plus 5 National Commanding Bodies, one of which to implement the function of the former State Administration of Work safety. One of the functions of MEM related to OSH is to coordinate with other line ministries in work safety supervisions in sectors managed by the respective ministries and to carry out work safety supervision in industrial and commercial sectors. On promoting cooperation between ASEAN OSHNET, China, through MEM, expressed its readiness to deepen cooperation with international partners including ASEAN-OSHNET. Along with its vision to build “The Belt and Road International Cooperation Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Management”, including on workplace safety, MEM is ready to cooperate with ASEAN-OSHNET in the areas of laws and legislation, symposium for SME safety, safety management system, study tour, and education and training. Funds to support these initiatives are available through

the ASEAN Regional Cooperation Fund (implemented through the International Exchange and Cooperation Center, MEM), Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund (implemented through the International Exchange and Cooperation Center, China Academy of Safety, Science, and Technology, the Beidaihe Institute of Occupational Disease Prevention and Treatment, MEM), and the Belt and Road Fund. The presentation slides of China appears as **ANNEX 32**.

7. In regard to the presentation of China, Malaysia inquired whether MEM is involved with man-made disasters and requested more information on the study tour. In response, Mr. Li Yunqiang confirmed that MEM is involved with safety in the workplace, including on man-made chemical safety. He further explained that government of China has funds to invite AMS on study tours to China. Invitation for the study tour will be extended to ASEAN-OSHNET in due course.

*e) Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan (MHLW).*

8. Mr. Atsuki Sawata, Specialist, Industrial Safety and Health Department, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan, reiterated that international cooperation on OSH in Japan are implemented through Japanese Government (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JISHA), Japan Construction Occupational Safety and Health Association (JCOSHA), National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Japan (JNIOSH), and others (University of Occupational and Environmental Health etc.). Through these agencies, Japan implemented various cooperation on OSH including the ILO / Japan Multi-bilateral Program (1974~), the ILO / Japan Fund for Building Social Safety Nets in Asia and the Pacific (2011~), and various international training, cooperation, and exchange programmes implemented by JICA, JISHA, JCOSHA and JNIOSH. In addition, the University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan (UOEH) as the only medical university in Japan with the primary objective of fostering occupational health physicians and occupational health professionals has been accepting researchers internationally from various universities, institutions and companies to conduct various researchers on OSH. While the Rosai Hospitals provide advanced and specialized medical care from prevention to treatment, rehabilitation, and support to return to work. Rosai Hospitals also support activities to promote health in the workplace. He concluded his presentation by stating Japanese Government's readiness to continue cooperating with ASEAN-OSHNET. The presentation slides of Japan appears as **ANNEX 32**.

*f) Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency, ROK (KOSHA)*

9. Mr. Lee Jaewang, Deputy Director, Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency, Republic of Korea, explained that KOSHA's cooperation with ASEAN

are implemented through 3 major projects, namely the Korea-ILO Project, the Cooperation with WHO-WPRO, and various projects with the MOEL and MOFA. In 2019, KOSHA plans to deepen cooperation with ASEAN, notably on co-research programme in practical analysis of hazardous chemicals and biological monitoring, capacity building programs for requested specific topics, technical consultations (KOSHA is available to conduct 10 consultation visits to AMS in 2019), provision of OSH materials such as poster and stickers and receiving visits of AMS delegations to KOSHA (such as the recent visit of high level delegation from Vietnam parliament and MoC and MoH to set up the roadmap on banning asbestos). Lastly, Mr. Lee reiterated the project Capacity building for ASEAN Member states focusing on developing human resources and supporting ASEAN OSHNET Initiatives, that was endorsed at the CBM-19. With the objectives of supporting sustainable development of ASEAN countries socially & economically and enhancing effectiveness of OSH implementation at government level, main activities of this project are attachment program on OSH for AMS officials for 6 months in ROK and programmes for supporting ASEAN OSHNET Initiatives. In regard to the second activity, KOSHA stands ready to support projects of ASEAN-OSHNET to be supported under this particular project. KOSHA looks forward to receive submission of project proposals from AMS to be considered under this project. The presentation slides of ROK and KOSHA's Concept Note: Capacity Building for ASEAN Member States Focusing on Developing Human Resources and Supporting ASEAN-OSHNET Initiatives appear together as **ANNEX 33**.

10. The Meeting exchange views on the presentation of the KOSHA as follow:

- a. Malaysia suggested to conduct the attachment programme at AMS' respective countries instead of in ROK for cost efficiency. The programme can be implemented at the Korean enterprises that adhere to KOSHA's standard at each AMS. Furthermore, Malaysia inquired whether KOSHA had programmes on OSH for migrant workers in ROK.
- b. Singapore inquired from ROK and Japan on the possibility of collaboration on the use of technology to improve OSH.
- c. Japan expressed willingness to collaborate with AMS on the use of technology to improve OSH and to take Singapore's suggestion into consideration.
- d. ROK expressed its readiness to share, collaborate and cooperate on the use of technology to improve OSH in AMS. In response to Malaysia, ROK explained that the attachment programme would need to be conducted in KOSHA institutions based in ROK as governments' point of views are needed in establishing OSH standards and procedures. Nevertheless, ROK will take Malaysia's suggestion for consideration. The OSH regulation of ROK does not differentiate treatment for migrant and national workers. However, acknowledging the vulnerable situation of migrant workers, KOSHA regularly sends OSH training

materials to the embassies of migrant workers residing in ROK. So far, the training materials are available in 16 languages and are also accessible online at KOSHA's website.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 NATIONAL/REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL OSH EVENTS [OPEN SESSION]**

11. Myanmar, as the ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat, updated the Meeting that it received a submission of return from Singapore to the survey of national/regional/international OSH events at each AMS. Myanmar requested other AMS to submit the completed survey as soon as possible.
12. ASEAN Member States shared the schedules of upcoming events on OSH in their respective country as follow:
  - a. Cambodia will celebrate the World Day of Safety and Health at Work (World OSH Day) on 3 May 2019 with the tripartite partners. Cambodia will celebrate the ILO Centenary and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cambodia-ILO relations on 28 March 2019 which will be graced by the Prime Minister.
  - b. Indonesia will convene their national OSH Awards on 22-23 April 2019 to recognise excellence in OSH management system and realising zero accidents in OSH.
  - c. Lao PDR will celebrate the World OSH Day and the ILO Centenary on 26 April 2019 with the tripartite partners. Prior to the celebrations, Lao PDR will organise a national tripartite meeting on OSH.
  - d. Malaysia convened their national OSH award ceremony and had the new national policy on OSH signed by the Prime Minister on 27 February 2019. Malaysia will hold the World OSH Day Celebration in Putrajaya on 28 April 2019. Malaysia will convene the Training of Trainers on Labour Inspection on SMEs and Informal Sector on 2-3 May 2019 to which ASEAN-OSHNET will be invited. Malaysia will convene a national OSH week celebration in July 2019.
  - e. Myanmar will celebrate the World OSH Day through events in every region in the country in April 2019. Myanmar will convene the international forum on implementation of OSH law in May 2019. Singapore, the Philippines and Viet Nam will be invited to share their experiences in the symposium. Myanmar will convene a training of trainers for development of OSH standards in garment industry in 2019 with the technical assistance of the ILO.
  - f. The Philippines will conduct a series of activities to commemorate the World OSH Day throughout April 2019. The biennial national OSH awards, or better known as Gawad Kaligtasan at Kalusugan (GKK), will be conducted in October

2019. The Philippines conducted the national OSH Congress in November 2018 which was attended by around 1700 participants.

- g. Singapore convened the ASEAN-OSHNET Policy Dialogue on Risk Management Framework on 14-15 March 2019. The national Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) campaign will be launch in 2019. Singapore's national WSH awards ceremony will be conducted in July 2019.
  - h. Thailand will organise the World OSH Day celebration on 28 April 2019 through seminar, exhibition, and discussion with the tripartite partners. Thailand's national OSH day celebration will be held on 10 May 2019. Seminar and exhibition on culture of prevention for OSH will be held on 4-6 July 2019 in Bangkok. In the occasion of the ILO centenary, the Ministry of Labour will publish the history of ILO-Thailand relations and launch the ILO-Thailand postage stamp as the year of 2020 is also centenary of the ILO-Thailand relation.
  - i. Viet Nam will celebrate the World OSH Day and convene its national OSH dialogue in May 2019. The MOLISA/ILO/ASEAN-OSHNET Workshop on Promoting Social Dialogue to Improve Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) will be held on 24 April 2019 in Ninh Binh, Viet Nam.
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