

Strategic Sector Cooperation Denmark-Bangladesh

Improving the Health and Safety of Workers in Bangladesh through the Strengthening of Labour Authorities

DIFE2DIFE

After years of preparation, DIFE is now ready to maintain and develop OSH knowledge throughout the organisation. The first session out of 28 planned trainings has taken place in Gazipur, as a part of DIFE's internal training program (DIFE2DIFE). Prior to this the DIFE trainers have been intensively trained by Danish experts from DWEA. The subject for the first 3 days training was chemical safety, and included field visits at 2 companies. The remaining 26 trainings will be performed during the rest of 2019.



Meeting on "Strengthening of Fire Response"

In the light of recent fire incidents in Dhaka, the Danish embassy and the SSC project hosted a meeting on how to prevent and combat fires in Dhaka. A diverse selection of stakeholders attended the meeting; authorities, insurance companies, fire equipment suppliers, foreign donors etc. Key person were: Ambassador to Denmark Winnie Estrup Petersen and Mayor of Dhaka North City Cooperation Md. Atiqul Islam. JIG Farid Ahmed, Head of Safety Wing DIFE, attended the meeting, and there was a substantial focus on fire safety at work places.



Winnie Estrup Petersen and Farid Ahmed from the SSC project in action for fire safety.

Meeting for Danish brands in Copenhagen

May 28th, Danish brands met in Copenhagen, to discuss the business climate in Bangladesh and future development.

Seminar on boiler safety for Danish brands

April 10th almost 50 participants attended a seminar on boiler safety. The seminar was conducted by Jari Zimmer Jahn, expert from DWEA, supported DIFE's boiler safety experts. The participants were Danish brands' local staff, consultants and supplier factories.

Boiler blasts often happen in Bangladesh, and the focus was on maintenance of the boilers, which can prevent the most accidents.



Preparation of Targeted Inspections in the construction sector

The project group has been united in Dhaka working on the outlines and the plans for the activity. 20 inspectors from the Dhaka District will be directly involved in inspections of construction sites with focus on falling from heights and electrical safety.



As a part of the preparation, the Danish experts and the sector counsellor had a meeting with relevant trade unions: INSUB, Bangladesh Nirman Sramik Federation, BSBWWF, Bangladesh Buliding Construction Workers Fed., BNSL and the Danish 3F.

Plan for Quarter 3 - 2019:

1. DIFE2DIFE training continuation.
2. Training in Dhaka: Dialogue on inspections – module 3
3. DIFE managerial training in Denmark (10 days).