Strategic Sector Cooperation Denmark-Bangladesh
Improving the Health and Safety of Workers in Bangladesh through the Strengthening of Labour Authorities

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Secretary visits Copenhagen
Secretary Ali Azam, Inspector General Shib Nath Roy, and three more colleagues from the Ministry of Labour and Employment MoLE visited Copenhagen in the end of September. The delegation had meetings with the DG of Danish Working Environment Authority (DWEA) Soeren Kryhmand, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Employment Jakob Jensen, they meet staff members from the DWEA OSH Advisory Center and they had a presentation of the Danish Research Center for the Working Environment.

DIFE internal training program DIFE2DIFE is ongoing
DIFE master trainers are now busy with training of all their colleagues on OSH (DIFE2DIFE). The inspectors are trained in machinery safety, ergonomics, chemical safety and accident prevention. It is the intention, that DIFE hereafter will have a stronger focus on these OSH topics.

DIFE managers visit DWEA – the “Danish DIFE”
A group of 6 DIG’s from DIFE has been joining a management training in Aalborg University in Copenhagen. As a part of this, they visited DWEA one day, where they met their Danish management colleagues and heard about management practise in DWEA. Training for more DIFE DIG’s will start up in the autumn 2020 in Bangladesh.

Inspection Guidelines are now printed and in use
Inspection Guidelines in the fields of ergonomics, machinery safety, chemical safety, accident prevention and construction safety are now printed and in use. They are introduced to the DIFE inspectors during the DIFE2DIFE training.

Plan for Quarter 4- 2019:
1. DIFE2DIFE training continuation.
3. Launch and initiation of Targeted Inspections of construction sector by 20 inspectors from Dhaka District.
4. OSH course (4 days) for RMG factories.
5. OSH course in Aalborg University (6 weeks) for 8 DIFE inspectors.

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