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Strategic Sector Cooperation Denmark-Bangladesh

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

Launch of project phase 2

The Danish Minister for Development has granted 7.5 mio. Danish kroner to continue the project for the coming three years. The second phase was launched in Dhaka on 15 November 2018, with presence of project partner representatives and stakeholders from Denmark and Bangladesh.



The Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh Winnie Estrup Petersen initiated the ceremony at Hotel Six Seasons and underlined the importance of a phase 2 with increased focus on local ownership and implementation.

Hereafter, the Inspector General of DIFE Md. Shamsuzzaman Bhuiyan presented results achieved until now and revealed the plans for the second project phase.

Director for International Affairs Ida Hannibal, from the Danish Ministry of Employment, explained elements of the Danish labour market model and her expectations for the next project period.

Finally, the SSC Project's phase 2 was officially launched by the Secretary of the Bangladeshi Ministry of Labour and Employment Afroza Khan.



DIFE 2 DIFE training program is ready

After three years of cooperation, DIFE is now ready to train all inspectors in machinery safety, chemical safety, accident prevention and ergonomics. The training will be performed by DIFE's own trainers.

The training will take place in the district offices with training facilities, and each topic will have a duration of 3 days including a half day factory visit. The training will be based on the inspection guidelines, which were approved recently by the National OSH Council.

The trainer teams have already made two repetitions of test training, so they are well prepared. It is a major achievement that DIFE now is able to train their staff in a range of OSH topics on their own.

OSH-course "Understanding occupational safety and health - mechanisms, assessment and preventive actions"

Nine DIFE inspectors have this Autumn been participating in the 6 week course "Understanding occupational safety and health – mechanisms, assessment and preventive actions" at Aalborg University in Copenhagen.

Below is a photo of the group with teachers.



Plan for Quarter 1 - 2019:

1. Training on crane safety – Module 2
2. Training on accident prevention – Module 5 A
3. Training on construction safety – Module 5
4. Course on training methodology for DIFE trainers
5. Presentation of action plans – students from "Understanding occupational safety and health – mechanisms, assessment and preventive actions."