

Strategic Sector Cooperation Denmark-Bangladesh

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

OSH course for RMG factories

29 participants from RMG factories joined the first part of an OSH course in Hotel Six Season on November 24th to 27th. The training was conducted by four Danish OSH experts and included OSH issues relevant for the entire production chain in the RMG sector: ergonomics, chemicals, indoor climate, machinery, boiler safety and noise. The focus was on proactive and systematic OSH management.



Part 2 took place in January 2020. Meanwhile the participants were working on mapping and action plans for OSH issues in their own workplaces.

Pilot training on boiler safety

On November the DIFE boiler safety team, consisting of 8 special trained inspectors, conducted the training of two groups of inspectors in boiler safety – 2½ days each. These were pilot trainings and were under supervision of a Danish boiler expert.

The training is a combination of class room training and factory visits.



Boiler explosions are very common in Bangladesh. Though boiler safety is the responsible of the Ministry of Industries, DIFE are paying attention to boiler safety when on inspection. After the pilot training the boiler team will continue training of their inspector colleagues in boiler safety under the auspices of DIFE2DIFE

Inspectors join OSH course in Denmark

From October 6th to November 15th eight DIFE inspectors joined the 6 weeks course “Understanding occupational safety and health – mechanisms, assessment and preventive actions”. The course is designed in accordance with the ‘problem-based learning’ (PBL) traditions of Aalborg University and included weekly field trips. On the last day, the participants presented their personal action plans before the certificate ceremony.



Back in Bangladesh, the eight students presented their action plans to the DIFE management. The action plans contained training of inspectors and companies, special actions with focus on certain sectors and curriculum for the coming OSH Institute. All plans were deemed very relevant for DIFE.



Plan for Quarter 1 - 2020:

1. Launch of Targeted Inspections – Construction in Dhaka
2. DIFE2DIFE training continuation.
3. Dialogue – pilot training.
4. OSH course part 2 (2 days) for RMG factories.
5. OSH course (2 days) for RMG trade unions