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- **ILO estimates 6,300 people die daily from work-related injuries or diseases**
- **Workplace safety and health vital factor for sustainable growth and development**

It is estimated that everyday about 6,300 people die as a result of work-related injuries or diseases and this represents more than 2.3 million deaths annually. In addition, about 337 million workplace accidents occur yearly resulting in extended absences from work. The economic cost of working days lost, medical treatment and cash benefits paid out is estimated at 4 percent of the global GDP each year.

With the recent impact on the global economy taking a toll on many industries, ILO is encouraging both the public and private sectors to work together to prevent a downward spiral in labour conditions and build recovery founded on safe work. And as such, in building and sustaining the economic recovery, many countries are taking the opportunity to shape integrated decent work strategies in which safety and health is a key component. Noteworthy is that new risks will also inevitably emerge due to the changing patterns of work. At a recent meeting, the governing body of ILO has approved a new list of occupational diseases which includes illnesses caused by chemical, physical and biological agents to respiratory and skin diseases, musculoskeletal disorders and occupational cancer. Mental and behavioural disorders have also for the first time being included in this approved list.

Workplace safety and health remains a vital factor for sustainable growth and development. For all businesses, a strong compliance to WSH management can be a means of gaining a competitive edge as well as giving both employees and investors confidence in the organization. OS+H Asia 2010 returns to Singapore at a juncture when increased investment in OSH initiatives is imminent in Singapore and the ripple effect will indeed be felt more widely throughout ASEAN.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES

SINGAPORE

Singapore has launched a 3-month long National Workplace Safety and Health Campaign 2010 effective from 29 April 2010 to 30 July 2010. The primary aim is to promote and educate the entire Singapore workforce to strive towards Workplace Safety and Health excellence. This year's theme "Safety in my Hand" is targeted to drive home the message of the importance of personal ownership in ensuring workplace safety and health. At the same time, Singapore's National Workplace Health Strategy was also unveiled. The 4 main strategies include Implementing Targeted Intervention Programmes which consists of developing and prescribing appropriate standards, providing compliance assistance educating and engaging employees; Monitoring and Intelligence Gathering which involves putting in place a robust reporting system, prioritizing efforts to handle hazards and identify new and emerging hazards; Research and Standards Development; and the Promotion of Good Practices

MALAYSIA

Malaysia's Occupational Safety and Health Master Plan 2015 (OSH-MP15) aims to fast-track improvement of OSH standards in Malaysia. The government also plans to increase the awareness and knowledge of workplace safety and health, reduce workplace injuries and associated fatalities and the number of occupational lung diseases, noise induced hearing loss and occupational skin diseases as well as to minimize the adverse impact on efficiency, productivity and business performance. OSH-MP 15 intends to catalyze the formation of a more complete national OSH hard and soft infrastructure by providing a sharper focus and a clear direction for OSH in Malaysia. It aims to bring about a major change in attitude and behaviour among stakeholders to develop a more positive and proactive approach to OSH.

INDONESIA

In the past, OSH issues have almost never come up as national level issues and the country was also once dubbed by ILO as the country with the worst workplace safety in Southeast Asia. However, working conditions are rapidly changing. Accordingly to the Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, about 23 out of every 100,000 workers die in work-related accidents each year – a higher rate than in neighbouring countries of Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore. Such incidences in Indonesia have cost the country to lose about Rp 40 trillion (US\$ 4.36 billion) to Rp 50 trillion (US\$ 5.45 billion) annually. The Ministry is now proactively promoting OSH by stressing the importance of adherence to safety and health principles in reducing the number of industrial accidents. The Ministry also aims to ensure workplace safety and health measures are implemented across all relevant industries by 2015.

CONCURRENT EVENTS

- **The Singapore WSH Conference on 15 & 16 September 2010.** The conference, organized by the Work Safety and Health Council and Ministry of Manpower, is expected to draw some 600 participants, ranging from CEOs, senior government officials to WSH professionals. The conference will focus on critical areas such as developing and managing WSH strategies and practices,

fostering industry-led WSH approaches and partnerships, building WSH capabilities of organizations, particularly small and medium enterprises and professionals dealing with workplace challenges, and forming innovative WSH practices. More information on the conference can be found at www.singaporewshconference.sg

- **A Forum on Safety & Health : “Raising WSH Standards” on 17 September 2010.** Organized by the Singapore Institution of Safety Officers, the forum will provide an excellent opportunity for Workplace Safety & Health (WSH) Experts, Professionals, and Specialist Service Providers & Manufacturers in the region and around the world to share and showcase the latest insights and technological advancement in key safety and health issues such as work at height, crane safety and innovative WSH solutions. More information at www.siso.org.sg
- **MEDICAL FAIR ASIA from 15 to 17 September 2010.** This is Asia’s largest and most successful exhibition on hospital, diagnostic, pharmaceutical, medical and rehabilitative equipment and supplies. Held for the 8th time in Singapore, the exhibition will showcase the best in medical and health care equipment, solutions and services from some 400 exhibiting companies spanning the globe.

ABOUT OS+H Asia 2010

OS+H Asia 2010 is held for the seventh time in Singapore and is organized by Messe Düsseldorf Asia. The exhibition which champions work safety and health is supported by Singapore’s Ministry of Manpower, Work Safety and Health (WSH) Council, Occupational and Environmental Health Society, National Safety Council of Singapore, Singapore Institution of Safety Officers, Singapore Exhibition & Convention Bureau and Messe Düsseldorf GmbH – organizer of A+A, the world’s largest trade fair for safety, security and health at work. Some 150 international and regional exhibitors from 20 countries and over 5,000 visitors are expected to be at OS+H Asia 2010.

OS+H Asia is open to trade visitors and all professionals and practitioners of workplace safety and health. Visitor Registration is now open. Visitors can register online at www.osha-singapore.com

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