

## 2012 SafeDay Events Report

### Activities of Labour Department's Annual Occupational Safety and Health Week



**Antigua and Barbuda** - The Labour Department of the Ministry of National Security and Labour held a successful week of activities commemorating World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> a panel discussion took place on the weekly television programme “Labour Matters”. Activities during this week included several media appearances as well as safety inspections.

A team made up of trade union members, ministry staff and other government staff, joined labour inspectors to visit two of the country’s power generating plants, as well as one of the country’s marinas and a sewage processing plant. Teams asked questions pertaining not only to the “greenest” of the operations of these entities, but also how they maintained the safety and health of employees in that environment.

The highlight of the week of activities was the Workers’ Symposium which was held at the Multipurpose & Exhibition Cultural Centre. That day’s events featured presentations by Dr Reynold Murray, Programme Manager at the UNDP Barbados and the OECS. Dr Murray’s insightful presentation was followed by local experts such as environmentalist, Carol Faye George, public health inspector, Jerome Greene and OSH consultant, Matthew Taitt.

A street fair, held on Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> featured partners and businesses such as SaniPro, a locally owned and operated company which carries a line of environmentally friendly cleaning products.

In official recognition of World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Labour Commissioner, Hesketh William’s address on this year’s theme was broadcast on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> on national television and radio.

A tree planting exercise took place also in recognition of this year’s “green” theme, at several schools across the island. Plants were donated by social partners and clients of the Labour Department.



**Cambodia** – Sihanoukville, 30 April 2012. The Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MoLVT) marked the Day on April 30th in Preah Sihanouk Province with an event focusing on the theme “Promoting Safety and Health in Small and Medium Enterprises” as an effective measure for promoting safe and healthy workplaces. Despite the bad weather and lots of improvising, commemorations began as participants listened attentively to the messages delivered by the esteemed representatives of the Government, ILO, Employers' and Workers' organizations and enjoyed safety performances and safety and health quizzes. Hundreds of posters and banners were displayed along the streets leading to Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone (SSEZ) where the event was held and 15 factories operated inside to promote the theme and its messages.

Representing employers in the province and across the SSEZ, Ms. Michelle Wang, SSEZ's Social Corporate Manager, expressed her great privilege and pleasure to celebrate the World Day with the esteemed Government officials and honourable guests and her thankful appreciation for coming to SSEZ for the OSH Day together with International Labour Day.

Mr. Jiyuan Wang, Director of the ILO Country Office for Thailand, Cambodia and Lao PDR, sincerely congratulated Cambodia's commemoration and expressed his gratitude to the MoLVT, OSH department and provincial authorities for organizing the event in the most beautiful province of Cambodia.

The respondents informed that the messages they took home from the event included the understanding of the importance of OSH, nutrition, hygienic food, and safe commuting between home and work, the information about work-related accidents, the basic knowledge on how to prevent occupational accidents through being mindful and pre-cautious to keep themselves and their colleagues injury free in their everyday work.

The proceedings were concluded with the releasing of balloons with the themed flags together with Chai Yam (drummer) performance.



**Chile** - A commemorative ceremony organised by the “National service for training and employment” (SENCE) took place on 25 April with 53 participants. Also participating were representatives of the Institute for Safety at Work who together with SENCE have signed the Safety and Hygiene programme 2012.

## Promoting 2012 World Day for Safety and Health at Work



**China** - The Canada-China Migrant Labour Occupational Health and Safety Program produced 3,000 posters for World Day for Safety and Health at Work in Chinese and English versions. By cooperation and coordination with demo sites and relevance departments, all the posters were distributed to migrant workers.

The Canada-China Migrant Labour Occupational Health and Safety Program will keep close relationship in promoting occupational health and safety for migrant workers and participate in promotion activity for the World Day for Safety

and Health at Work.

## Video Conference celebrating World Day for Safety and Health at Work

**Colombia** - On 25 April “El Consejo Colombiano de Seguridad” (CCS) together with the ILO regional office celebrated the world day for health and safety at work with a video conference. Presentations were contributed by various representatives of local ministries and ILO specialists.



More than 300 participants took part from government, employers’ and workers’ organizations and health and safety professionals, universities and many more. The Forum also expressed different views from the ministries of Labour and Environment and Sustainable Development. The major conclusion: “the generation of green jobs has to help protect the environment, to develop clean production, but with decent jobs, with protection and rights for workers”.

## Commemorations for the World Day for Safety and Health at Work



**Honduras** - On Monday 23 April Honduras joined in the commemorations for the World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

A television forum was one of the activities organised in which government, employer and worker representatives went head to head with Director of the programme and journalist Renato Álvarez. The focus of the program, to foster a safe, healthy and decent work environment, a subject that is joint strategy of the European Union (EU), the ILO and the “Comisión Nacional de Salud ocupacional de los Trabajadores (CONASATH) of Honduras.

The National Health Workers of Honduras launched a "Healthy Workplaces" campaign under the slogan “chico Catracho” with focus on the prevention of occupational risks, drawing attention to the importance of management leadership, the participation of employers and employees in improving safety and health at work.

CONASATH realises the new challenges in occupational safety and health in a rapidly changing work environment. “Many occupational hazards are hidden and go unnoticed, particularly in the informal economy. New forms of prevention must take into account this environment. Experience shows that prevention works for everyone.”



## Occupational Safety & Health Awareness and Promotion Programme



**India** – Larsen & Toubro LTD observed the World Day for Safety and Health at Work at its various project sites throughout India on 28 April 2012. With participation of around 900 staff and workers at its 4 sites, it promoted occupational safety & health awareness and promotion programme through discussions, screening of video, and awarding prize to best safety man and screening of awareness video.

## Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health



**India** - A “Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health” was organized by American Society of Safety Engineers India Chapter in collaboration

with Indian Railway Medical Service Association on the occasion of “World Day for Safety & Health at Work” at the auditorium of Central Hospital, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata.

This is a milestone event for ASSE-India Chapter, being the maiden workshop. This prestigious event was inaugurated by Mr. A. K. Verma, General Manager, South Eastern Railway (SER) in presence of other dignitaries, including Mr. Pramod Kumar, Addl GM, SER, Dr. B. Swain, Chief Medical Director, SER Dr. A. Ray, Medical Director, SER, Mr. K. N. Sen, President ASSE India Chapter & HOD HSE, HCP,

L&T, Mr. Nirupam Mukherjee, Technology Chair, ASSE India Chapter & Global Construction Safety Manager, Praxair Inc. et al.

Total 52 participants participated in the workshop excluding the speakers and guests. The workshop was well represented by several reputed organizations like DGFASLI (Govt of India), Lafarge, representation from various ICs of Larsen & Toubro Limited, Praxair and officials from South Eastern Railway (SER). Several ASSE–India Chapter Executive Board Members, including Mr. H. R. Rangaswamy, Vice-President, Mr. Shuvendu Basu, Chair, Newsletter and Mr. Gurudas Bandyopadhyay, Chair Construction Section also graced the occasion.

### **Two seminars on “Managing Safety and Health at Workplace” and “Effective Implementation of the National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at the Workplace”**



**India** – To coincide with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, a seminar on “Managing Safety and Health at Workplace” was organized to highlight the concerns and to raise the awareness and responsibility of the employers’ organization by Punjab, Haryana and Delhi (PHD)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 27 April 2012 in New Delhi, India.

About 150 participants participated in this seminar. The seminar’s focus lay on the different laws and the possibilities of improving the coverage of labour legislation on site workers and the current state of health and safety. PHD highlighted the need to adopt an effective partnership approach involving all key stakeholders that can result in effective management of health and safety at work. Moreover this will deliver a genuinely involved and committed workforce becoming an example to other traditional heavy industries.

Another seminar on “Effective Implementation of the National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at the Workplace” was also organized on 27 April 2012 in Goa, India by Directorate General of Factory Safety, Advisory Services and Central Labour Institute (DGFASLI) in collaboration with the Chief Inspector of Factories, Government of Goa, India.

With about 125 participants, the seminar provided a good forum for all the participants to share information on various innovating practices being adopted by industrial establishments in promoting safety, health and environment culture and to drive the message that OSH issues are very important for the enterprises as well in terms of improving productivity. Most of the presenters mentioned that OSH issues are not only welfare based but also has business issues.

## Activities marking World Day for Safety and Health at Work



**Israel** – Like in the preceding years, the Israeli Institute for Occupational Safety and Hygiene (IIOSH) carried out various events to mark the World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

In the most popular nationwide radio broadcast, Mr. Israel Shreibman, IIOSH acting Director, addressed his audience with on the meaning and importance of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work and outlined the specific issues related to this year's theme.

The April issue of the e-bulletin "Safety Online" featured several articles on OSH issues in alternative energy production and use, occupational and environmental exposures, etc., with its world day banner. A special page was published at the IIOSH website and a press release dedicated to the World Day.

### **ILO Seminar on World Day for Safety and Health at Work - ILO's Challenge and Experience in Asia and Japan**



**Japan** – Celebrating World Day 2012, ILO Office for Japan co-organized a seminar, "Promoting Safety and Health in a Green Economy - ILO's challenge and experience in Asia and Japan" with the Japan Association for Advancement of ILO Activities on Friday 27 April 2012 at the World Bank Tokyo Development Learning Center.

This year's Safeday theme is "Promoting Safety and Health in a Green Economy". As an approach from the aspect of labour to new risks such as environmental devastation and climate change, ILO is promoting the Green Jobs Initiative. Above all, ensuring safety and health at work in a green economy is a major challenge.

At this seminar, not only introducing ILO's global approach, but also activities of the Greener Business Asia Project supported by the Government of Japan as ILO/Japan Multi-Bi Programme, and Waste Minimization and Recycling Promotion Project in Fiji, supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) were reported. Moreover, Mr. Kazuhiro Sakai, President, the Institute for Science of Labour talked about the situation of safety and health at green business in Japan.



Specially, Mr. Tsuyoshi Kawakami, Coordinator, Occupational Safety, Policy and Management System Cluster, SAFEWORK, ILO took part in this seminar via video conference system from ILO headquarters in Geneva for presentation on the programme in Fiji related to the ILO's approach to safety and health at Green Jobs.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Kazakhstan International Occupational Safety and Health Exhibition & Conference**



**Kazakhstan** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Kazakhstan International Occupational Safety and Health Exhibition and Conference (KIOSH) 2012 was held by the Kazakhstan International Occupational Safety and Health from 26 to 27 April 2012 at Astana's Korme Exhibition Centre to mark the World Day 2012.

KIOSH 2012 conference is the central platform for effective dialogue between government and business entities, with the participation of international organizations and institutions with a common understanding of the approaches and principles of risk management in the field of occupational safety, discussing current issues and prospects for new ways to prevent injuries and occupational diseases. Over 250 conference delegates and 2,000 exhibition visitors came to KIOSH this year.

An award ceremony for the Senim and Corgan competitions was also held as part of KIOSH 2012. The nationwide Senim competition, organized by the Ministry for Labour and Social Protection, consisted of three categories: Security Company of the Year, Best Occupational Safety Service and Best Occupational Safety Engineer, with prizes being awarded for first, second and third place.



## Events and activities for employees and their families aimed at improving awareness



**Kuwait** - In celebration of the 2012 “World Day for Safety and Health at Work”, the EHS department of the Kuwait Insulating Material Manufacturing Company (KIMMCO) conducted several events and activities for employees and their families aimed at improving awareness about safety and health practices in the workplace.



This year’s theme ‘promoting safety and health in a green economy’ was a perfect fit for KIMMCO’s commitment towards manufacturing sustainable and eco-friendly insulation products that protect the environment.

Activities and events included poster designing, slogan creation, and the most eagerly awaited - the annual safety and health quiz competition. In addition, an awareness seminar on ‘Healthy Living’ was organized for employees on the importance of a balanced lifestyle for optimum performance in the workplace. All the events were keenly accepted by all and there was a wide level of participation from employees across all departments.

The event concluded with all employees re-dedicating themselves towards the cause of occupational safety and health, by taking the ‘Safety and Health Pledge’.

## Gait “Protect yourself at work” dedicating to World Day for Safety and Health at Work



**Lithuania** - SDG group of companies organized a gait in Kaunas centre to celebrate World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 27, 2012. The goal of this gait was to raise public awareness on safety and health at work and to remind everyone that “your safety at work is in your own hands”.

To the sound of the orchestra, members marched on, equipped with Safety and Health at Work posters, whilst others wore clothing respective of their professions. The gait was organized during the evening when the main pedestrian street was at its most active. Some of the gait members were using public transport to get to the centre. This was a colourful, memorable event.



The consulting company “SDG”, who have 12 branches in Lithuania showed the importance of safety and health at work by sharing out working gloves to passers-by at the main crossroads and organizing free seminars on safety and health at work.

## World Day for Safety and Health at Work



**Macedonia** - The Macedonian Occupational Safety and Health Association once again commemorated the 28th of April, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, with the motto “Promoting Safety and Health in Green Economy”.

The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, the State Labour Inspectorate, the Trade Unions of Macedonia, the Confederation of the Free Trade Unions of Macedonia, the Occupational Safety and Health Association from Bitola, the Organization of Employers of Macedonia, and the National ILO Coordinator for Macedonia.

Part of this event was the presentation of the main international activities of MOSHA by: Mrs. Aleksandra Atanasovska, ILO/CIS Coordinator for Macedonia; Mr. Nikola Georgiev, Ambassador for ENETOSH for Macedonia and the Focal Point Manager for the EU OSHA for Macedonia, Mr. Ljupco Kocovski. The President of MOSHA, Mr. Milan Petkovski, presented MOSHA’s Annual report for fatalities, injuries and accidents at work for 2011.



MOSHA continues awarding companies for good OSH practices and this year the worthy companies proposed by the State Labour Inspectorate were “Fitofarm”, “Dizajn Fantazija” and Prototip from Skopje.

This event was connected to a previous two-day seminar for the State Labour Inspectorate on the topic of risk assessment organized in cooperation with EU OSHA, promoting both ILO and EU OSHA campaigns.

One of the activities displaying the new ILO campaign poster in the most frequent city buses in cooperation with the Public Transport Enterprise (JSP Skopje), who are



MOSHA members and have done this free of charge. The posters will be in the buses for some time in the future.

### **The third annual meeting on the loading and unloading of containers**

**Mexico** - The “Internacional de contenedores asociados de Veracruz” is a specialized maritime container terminal for loading and unloading containers.

This year they hosted a third annual meeting to celebrate World Day in collaboration with the Department of Health and Safety and the participation of employees and contractors.

Conferences were held with the participation of Roche consisting of briefing on medical practices i.e. - measuring cholesterol and the use of masks in soldering and with the participation of 3M with emphasis on safety practices.





## National Event on World Day on Safety and Health at Work



**Pakistan** – The Employers Federation of Pakistan (EFP) in collaboration with the ILO office for Pakistan organized the commemoration of the World Day on Safety and Health at Work for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row in Karachi, Pakistan on 27th April 2012.

With 64 participants representing various companies, workers and media, the purpose of the event was to create awareness on the importance of OSH at the workplace among employers, workers and media. Another purpose was to distribute the EFP Annual OSH Best Practices Awards to the best performing companies selected during the year May 2011 to March 2012.

The OSH Best Practices Awards is a good practice emerging from Pakistan that has a visible impact on promoting OSH at the workplace. Every year more companies are joining in to compete for the awards and invite the selection committee to visit them for witnessing the OSH related improvements that they have put in place.

**The Pakistan Wapda Hydro Electric Central Labour Union** in Lahore began their commemorations on 18 July in all cities with special “Safety conferences and seminars” for a workforce of more than 150,000 electricity staff employed in the largest national public utility. So far this year almost 85 members of the line staff have died as a result of electrocution on the lines, many more, amongst whom are newly inducted young workers, have become permanently disabled due to a lack of observance of safety regulations at the workplace. The union making efforts to redress this through the following measures:

- Enlarging the facilities of professional education and training of field staff in safety and health;
- Improving the quality standard safety equipment and observance of safety regulations;

- Creating more awareness of the rules of safety at the workplace;
- Holding special training activities for field work for prevention of accidents and publication of educational materials by the union itself;
- Case studies of accidents and dissemination of this information along with good practices.

### **Celebrations for the “World Day for Safety and Health at Work” and the “Safety and Health at Work Week”**

**Peru** - Petroperu Operaciones, a petroleum company in Talara province, hosted a three day safety and health workshop from 25 to 27 April.



As part of celebrations for the “World Day for Safety and Health at Work” and the “Safety and Health at Work Week” from 24 to 28 April, Petroperu Operations undertook a series of activities over a three day period including training sessions by Health and Safety Specialists, Safety practices against fire and on-site assistance, display of products, safety equipment and operation methods, the introduction of new technologies in equipment and alternative solutions for daily work, in-situ field visit workshops for equipment testing.



A Certificate of attendance was offered to participants and a flag event was held to recognize the best efforts made in health and safety.

Fortaleza.SST is dedicated to training on safety and occupational health professionals and is composed of international and national specialists in safety and health for workers. It has strategic alliances with leading institutions all with a common goal: the prevention of occupational risk to protect workers’ health. Fortaleza successfully hosted a four hour uninterrupted marathon on 28 April 2012.



CG DEL PERU SAC is a company carrying out projects in civil construction and mining. Various activities were held during the “Safety Week” with reports from DPS Diving in Peru: TCS: Talara Catering Service, CGP: Consolidated Group del Perú, IMI del Perú SAC, and RCS: Risk Control SAC.

Group visits to work areas were planned which also spread the World day for Safety and Health message across. Employees attended awareness-raising sessions on the Body Mass Index, (BMI), on ergonomics addressing their needs at the work place.

In the afternoon guest speakers paid a visit. The topics of analysis of safety at work and occupational noise were covered.

The first “safety” walk took place with the collaboration of SAC that lead through to the civic center of the City of Talara. Participants wore “safeday” t-shirts and caps.





**Spain** - ARQUICMA had a very busy day with two functions on May 9 at the Casa de Cultura in Puertollano. This started with a conference “ what is the value of human capital for enterprises” inaugurated by Ms Maria Teresa Fernandez Molina on behalf of Hon. Puertollano City Council and closed by Ms Maria del Sagrario Gomez de Vivar, Director General Safety and Health followed by a conference on “Motors and brakes to reduce work accidents. The conferences were aired on television.



This year ARQUICMA introduced a new feature to the celebrations by offering a “zero accident” safety award. This award is named after Clodoaldo Izquierdo Jimenez, a worker who lost his life in a serious work related accident. The ceremony was attended by many managers and directors from major enterprises in the region to honour their employees. The awards consisted of a small tag to the 1st company in each sector of Castilla La Mancha. Other companies who participated and achieved the same results were presented with a diploma.

As a tribute, a plaque was presented to the widow of Mr Izquiero Jimenez who like many women in the community have lost a key family figure.

Finally, plaques were awarded for recognition to all social institutions and organizations that participated in the drafting of the Strategic Agreement for the Prevention of Occupational Risks in Castilla La Mancha 2008-2012: Regional Government, Directorate General Health and Safety, Confederation of Entrepreneurs CECAM, CCOO and UGT. The President of ARQUICMA congratulated them all for the results obtained in these first 3 years of the agreement and praised their dedicated teamwork to this achievement. It was agreed that this final year of the strategic agreement should be reviewed in depth and new plans sought to further reduce the accident rate in the community.



## Safety Walk & Safety Demonstrations



**Sri Lanka** - Safety Walk & Safety Demonstrations held at Biyagama Exports Processing Zone in Sri Lanka on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012 under the patronage of Hon Gamini Lokuge, Ministry of Labour & Labour Relations.

“Preventive safety culture is pivotal for all stake holders. There should be a strong commitment on the part of both employers and employees to observe safety standards”, Dong

Lee, ILO Country Director, said at the 'World Safety Day' held at the Biyagama Export Processing Zone(BEPZ) on April 28, 2012.

## National Broadcasting and Live Interviews on Promoting Occupational Safety and Health



[Street Banner on the World Day for Safety & Health at Work 2012]

**St. Kitts & Nevis (The Caribbean)** – Various activities took place to celebrate the World Day for Safety and Health at Work throughout both islands from 18 to 28 April 2012 by the Department of Labour in collaboration with the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce, St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union and the St. Christopher and Nevis Social Security Board.

A national broadcast by the Honourable Sam T Condor, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour was aired to commemorate and promote World Day for Safety and Health at Work, 2012. Also many live radio interviews on promoting safety and health were broadcasted and front page articles dominated the daily newspapers.

OSH & Social Inspections by labour inspectors were conducted for the economic sectors of construction, agriculture, manufacturing plants, waste management and the services.

“Talks in secondary and vocational schools” on both islands were organized to encourage school children to start practising safety and health while in school so that these positive traits will eventually be transferred with them into the world of work.

### **The 10th OHS International Forum on “Prevention of Occupational Cancer”**



**Tunisia** - As part of its biennial foundation, on 16 and 17 May 2012, the Institute for Health and Safety at Work (ISST) in Tunis organized in collaboration with the World Health Organization, the International Labour Office, the Institute National Security Research - France and the Tunisian Company of Ergonomics, its 10th OHS International Forum on "the prevention of occupational cancer." The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Khalil ZAOUIA, Minister of Social Affairs.

These conferences have brought together several countries and have offered participants the opportunity to exchange their experiences in the prevention of occupational cancers in the workplace. Besides the main theme, two themes were discussed; the hardships of well-

being at work and psychosocial factors in the workplace.

This is the national strategy for ISST for the prevention of occupational cancer and the strategy for the management of psychosocial risks at work. Both projects were developed as part of a long reflection, bringing together experts and national stakeholders in a participatory manner.

The general objectives of the strategy is to reduce half of the frequency of occupational exposure to carcinogens, early diagnosis, and adequate compensation, and to reduce psychosocial hazards, strengthening the capacity of national institutions and social partners in the prevention of PHI and to promote mental health.

Moreover, the Minister of Social Affairs is committed to initiate the process of ratification of ILO Conventions No. 155, 161 and 187 in addition to the conventions on occupational cancer (C136, C139, C162 and C115).

## Video-conference between Ukraine and Russia for the World Day



**Ukraine and Russian Federation** - A very innovative teleconference between Ukraine and Russia for the World Day for Safety and Health at Work was held in the cities of Kyiv, Ukraine and Saint-Petersburg, Russia on 27 April 2012.

The video-conference was organized in line with collaboration between the ILO OSH projects INT/09/08/EEC and RUS/09/02/FIN in Ukraine, Moldova and Russia. This event was carried out in the rank of other promotional activities that were put in practice in Ukraine and Russia.

This two hour video-conference made it possible to further raise awareness in the OSH field of Russian and Ukrainian tripartite partners and enterprises, as well as get them acquainted with the modern trends in harmonization of national OSH legislation with the ILO and EU OSH standards.

All 46 participants from tripartite representatives in Russia and Ukraine agreed to continue organizing the thematic video-conferences between St. Petersburg and Kyiv.



A research conference on modernization of Russia's occupational safety and health legislation devoted to the World Day for Safety and Health at Work was also held by the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation on 27 April 2012 in Moscow.

Two hundred participants from all the regions attended. At the conference, Alexander Safonov, Deputy Health and Social Development Minister, said: "since 2005 we've made a great step forward to switch to a new model of occupational safety and health". He noted that the main goal of modernization of the country's occupational safety management system is to transfer from the



compensation-based and cost-based OSH management system to the modern system of occupational risk management that allows for preventive approaches to keep workers safe and healthy at their workplace and to reduce all costs related to unfavourable working conditions.

Participants also discussed modernization of the occupational safety and health system, the improvement of the state supervision and control system in modern conditions as well as the development of insurance mechanisms as economic incentives for employers to improve working conditions.

### **Food industry's new toolkit promotes health at work**



**United Kingdom** - Ahead of World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2012 on 27 April, the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) has launched a new, free toolkit for employers to help their employees lead a healthier lifestyle.

Dame Carol Black, expert adviser on health at work at the Department of Health, supported the launch at Coca-Cola Great Britain's head office in Hammersmith, London. A tour of the onsite facilities and introduction to the team helped Dame Carol appreciate the company's long-standing commitment to workplace well-being.

### **Seminar promoting Occupational Safety and Health**



**Viet Nam** - A seminar to promote occupational safety and health in a green economy was held in Hanoi on April 26, 2012 to respond to the World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

Jointly held by the Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs and the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office in Viet Nam, the event attracted the participation of 200 representatives from relevant

agencies, businesses in Hanoi as well as media agencies.

The seminar created an opportunity for relevant agencies to exchange information, knowledge and experience on managing work safety and hygiene, and raising awareness of new requirements in the safety guarantee and health protection for



labourers in the development of a sustainable and green economy. It is expected to contribute to reducing labour accidents and occupational diseases in line with the National Programme on Work Safety and Hygiene for the 2011-2015 term.

### **Safety Fun Run Campaign**

**Viet Nam** - The Safety Run Campaign was organized by Better Work Vietnam to raise awareness of occupational safety and health in the Vietnamese apparel industry on 22 April 2012 in Binh Duong Province.

The event aims to give workers and their managers opportunities to enjoy themselves together with a focus on joint ways to promote safety through understanding risks and preventive measures inside their factories.



Around 3,500 workers in the garment sector from Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong, Dong Nai and other surrounding provinces of Vietnam participated in the run. Participating workers also had the chance to raise their voice in promoting safety in the workplace through a series of performances as slogan competitions and role plays.

## Commemorations on World Day for Safety and Health



**Zimbabwe** - Zimbabwe commemorated the 2012 World Day in four cities and one town on 4 May 2012. The commemorations were organized by the National Social Security Authority's Division of Occupational Safety and Health in liaison with other social stakeholders.

Overall, 141 organizations participated in the commemorations and each city held a street march of some 300 persons. In Harare, the event was graced by the Minister of Labour and Social Services. In other cities the representatives of the ministry recited the Minister's speech. The Country Director for the ILO was also present in Harare and gave his speech which was also read in Bulawayo by his deputy and the other three cities by NSSA Occupational Safety and Health Managers.



In all cities, the event lifted off with a march to the beat of the army band whilst drum majorettes displayed their majestic moves. The police force came in handy controlling traffic and keeping the marchers on track. Marchers included workers from industry, representatives of workers unions and National Social Security Authority staff.

The event saw the collaborations of employers, workers and government. This was considered a positive impact on the industry as all organizations were seen delivering the same message; that of preventing accidents in the workplace for sustainable economic growth.