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The website of the society is now partially launched. Members who need to contribute information to the web-page are urged to do so as soon as possible.

Members who do not have an e-mail address are also urged to engage an ISP and obtain a e-mail address for future correspondence.

CONGRATULATIONS

Three SAA members have recently been promoted to ASA, they are Mr. James Wong, Mr. Yau Kwong Wah and Mr. Andy Lo. Congratulations to them and we wish them a prosperous career in safety auditing.

DRAFT TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

The Works Bureau has recently issued a draft circular on the new phase of independent safety audits. The circular will be placed on our Web page at the end of next week. The following are some important points in the circular. Discussions will be held on this subject in the coming dinner meeting.

- Contracts requiring safety audits will be distributed to all ASA through OSHC. ASA will then indicate their interest to take up the audit and the absence of conflict of interest.
- The Engineer will based on the feedback of OSHC select three ASA from the list of interested ASA.
- The contractor will choose the ASA for the project.
- Not all reports will be verified by OSHC.

REPLY FROM WB

The Works Bureau has replied to our enquiry on the audit results and also furnished an excerpt of the independent report on the first stage of independent safety audit. Some recommendations in the report is worth mentioning, they include:

- Recommendation 20 – continuation of pilot implementation of the ISAS is recommended.

Monthly Meeting of Aug

八月份執委會會議及聚餐

7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 11 August 1999

Commissioner's Club, Scout Association
Austin Road, Kowloon.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Mr. James Wong will give a presentation on
"Advancement to ASA -
An Ethical Approach"

- Recommendation 21 – for the extension of the ISAS pilot phase, it is suggested that the frequency of audit be maintained at the current rate of four times per year in the year future but the frequency be reduced as greater experience is gained.

- Recommendation 22 – it may be feasible to shorten allowable time for subsequent audits under the ISAS compared to initial audits.

- Recommendation 23 – it is recommended that contractors be removed from the ASA selection process for ISAS audits in order to avoid any question of conflict of interest on the part of ASAs.

- Recommendation 25 – it would be beneficial to reduce emphasis on reviewing ISAS audit reports and focus more on ensuring high standard of qualification of ASAs.

- Recommendation 26 – in considering any changes of ASAs, it is suggested that the process of and standard for certifying auditors under LD's draft legislation's' SMSs be kept in view.

- Recommendation 28 – comparisons of ISAS and other available auditing systems in Hong Kong may be used to support decisions regarding continuation of the ISAS pilot phase.

FCIU (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1999

The amendment ordinance was passed in Legislative Council on 14/7/1999 meaning that compulsory safety training will be on in about a years' time. The amendment also gives power under Section 7(4) to the Commissioner for Labour to make regulations in respect of safety management and auditing.

SPECIAL EC MEETING ON 3/8/99

A special EC meeting was held on levy, CSA and certification to BS8800, the decisions will be announced in the coming monthly meeting.