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## Registration of Registered Safety Auditors

Over 100 Registered Safety Officers have submitted their applications for Registered Safety Auditors under the F&IU(Safety Management) Regulations which came into effect on 19 June 2000 to take advantage of the initial six-month period when less experience is required. There are a number of feedbacks on the information and document that need to be submitted and questions that have to be answered. The Society will set aside a page in our website to post opinion and share experience with members. If you have made a submission and have valuable information and experience, please e-mail to us and we shall post it on the web page.

## SAA Payment

OSHC is sometimes taking very long for payment to the ASA for a number of reasons, e.g. verification and clarification of audit report, confirmation of time of audit, administration procedures and back log, etc. The Society feels that SAA should not be affected by such matter and should be paid within a reasonable time.

It has been decided that all ASA should pay their SAA within one year from the last date of audit irrespective whether payment has been received from OSHC or not. Member SAA who have difficulties in getting prompt payment from member ASA should refer the matter to the Society for assistance.

## Safety audit dates under WBSAS/HASAS

The OSHC has been quite particular in approving audits which do not fall within exactly the quarterly audit interval and have requested auditors to seek the consent of the Architect before approval is given.

Members are advised to seek the written approval of the Architect or Engineer in advance in situation like this and attach the approval letter with the audit plan.

## OHSAS 18001

The Society has submitted six 18001 graduates with their CV to BSI (British Standards Institutions) and they have chosen 3 to attend a training course on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2000 to become certified 18001 auditor under BSI. These members have been individually informed.

## Joint Liaison Group of Occupational Safety & Health

The JLGOSH is comprised of 10 safety and health organizations in Hong Kong with the main intention:

- a) To provide a forum for Occupational Safety & Health organizations to exchange opinion and information;
- b) To coordinate OSH related activities and responses to the community in general and to the Government in particular;
- c) To jointly organize functions and activities to promote Occupational Safety & Health in Hong Kong.

The JLGOSH holds meetings once every 3 months to discuss matters of common interest and more frequently for special situations. So far two specific meetings were held on the topic of "Draft Codes of Practice on Safety Management" and "Draft Code of Practice on Bamboo Scaffolding".

Both gatherings have attracted overwhelming attendance and responses summary of the first meeting has been sent to the Labour Department. The response for the bamboo scaffold will also be sent in due course.

The JLGOSH is an important forum to gather the effort and writ of the safety and health practitioners. Your support is important.

## The 5S

5S is a system of housekeeping which originated from Japan. The Baptist University has developed it into a system for implementation and audit in Hong Kong. You can be trained to be become a 5S audit leader (五常法審核領袖) or to attend the 5S advance course (五常法深造課程). The fee for the former is \$1,000 and the latter \$1,500 each lasting for 3 afternoons. Please call 23395365 for information and application form.