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Strategic Sector Cooperation Denmark-Bangladesh

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

Cranes

A group of eight engineers from DIFE spent two weeks with the Danish expert in cranes. The group developed guidelines that will support all field inspectors when addressing safety issues.

The group will continue the cooperation in the second phase of the project, where they will finalise a training program and conduct pilot training.



The group went to the field to inspect the lifting equipment in the real world

Boiler Safety

There are many accidents with boilers in Bangladesh. It is extremely dangerous equipment and many people are victims of boiler explosions each year.

Boiler safety is under the authority of the Boiler Inspectorate under the Ministry of Industries. However, since they are hazardous for workers, DIFE has decided to train their inspectors in boiler safety.

This activity will continue in phase 2 of the project. Eventually, all inspectors should be able to address boiler safety at a very basic level.



A boiler can be dangerous, if it is not run properly:

Dialogue

The group working with Dialogue on Inspections and Activation of the Safety Committees convened in February. They developed guidelines which will support the inspectors in the field after an introductory training.

This activity will continue in the second phase of the project, where they will develop a training program and the Bangladeshi trainees will be training their colleagues in ways of improving the dialogue during inspections.



Plan for Quarter 2 - 2018:

1. Study Tour to Denmark for 30 officers from DIFE and MoLE.
2. Preparation of the 2. phase of the project.



The Danish ambassador to Bangladesh, Mr. Mikael H. Winther thanks Jens for his contributions to the project and the embassy.

Changing of the guards

For the past 3 years, Jens Rise Rasmussen, has served as Growth Counsellor at the Danish Embassy in Dhaka. His main duty has been to support the implementation of the project. Jens has finalised his contract and has gone back to Copenhagen. The project partners thank Jens for his big commitment to the project and wish him all the best for the future.

Søren Albertsen is the new Sector Counsellor, it is a new title, but the job description is the same as Jens'. Søren has extensive experience with OSH, CSR and international work.



Søren has taken up his duties at the Danish embassy 17 April and is now busy with briefings and introductions.