

Safety Management Development in the Past 30 Years

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Memories of HKOSHA

- Study mission to Japan
- Safety Officers Study mission to Singapore
- Ms Sarah Liao acted as Hon Secretary
- The Hon Tam Yiu Chung has actively supported the Association
- Organized NEBOSH examination to HK
- Founder member of APOSHO
- Founder member for Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau OSH Symposium
- Council Member of OSHC on establishment
- Member of Safety Officers Advisory Committee on establishment



MILESTONES IN OSH

- 1972 Construction Sites (Safety) Reg.
- 1977 HASAWA in UK
- 1986 F&I(U)(SOSS) Reg
- 1989 General Duties in F&IUO
- 1988 OSH Council
- 1993 North Point Passenger lift accident
- 1994 Safety Audit in WB & HA projects
- 1996 Rambler Channel bridge accident
- 1998 OSH Ordinance
- 2000 F&I(U)(SM) Reg

The first Safety Officers

- MTRC Modified Initial System 1975
 - Kwun Tong to Central
 - Employment of Safety Officer as contract requirement
 - Supervising Safety Officers from overseas
- MTRC Tsuen Wan Extension
 - Local Supervising Safety Officers
 - Safety Officer training by LD and HKPU

What is Safety Management?

- To plan, implement and monitor safety performance to meet:
 - Legal requirement
 - Codes of practice
 - Trade practice
 - Decision of company in respect of safety
 - Identifying high risk area
 - Setting priorities
 - Tolerated risk

Who is responsible for Safety ?

- Corporate responsibility
 - Setting approach and directive
 - Allocating resources
- Individual responsibility
 - Production Manager
 - Makes decision on safety
 - Takes responsibility on safety
 - Safety Practitioner
 - Advises production manager on risk of decisions
 - Suggest ways to meet PM's objective
 - Handles administrative matters on safety

What are Safety Officers faced with?

- Varying duties and responsibilities with different employer
- Shoulder accusation on unsafe decisions
- Black listed by Client for unsafe performance
- Lack of code of practice and standard
- Absence of trade practice for safety practitioners

Looking ahead

- Safety as a profession
- A hierarchy of practitioners based on training and experience
- Established trade practice and guidance
- Cohesiveness of the practitioners
- Strong professional profile
- Detach from Government Registration
- Self disciplinary control

Thank You