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Newsletter



ASSE @ PIC SAFETY DAY'05

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PIC celebrated the Safety Day'05 at Shubaiba Refinery on 12th April 2005. The function started off at 10 PM with an introduction speech followed by a 2 hours session with a full length movie showing the importance of safety in the refinery, PIC's Growth & its future business plan. This was followed by a speech by the chairman of PIC who thanked all the employees for achieving the targets goals.



Then started the Award Ceremony where the deserving employees from all the departments were awarded with gifts. Simultaneously there were some Companies exhibited their products. There were around 150 employees witnessed the day. ASSE-KC used this opportunity to display promotional leaflets for general awareness of the society.

TECHNICAL MEET ON 17th APRIL ON "Behavior Based Performance Improvement – An overview"

American Society of Safety Engineers, Kuwait Chapter organized its monthly Technical meet on "Behavior Based Performance Improvement – An overview" on 17th April at Hilton Hotel, Mangaf for the members and other interested HSE professionals around Kuwait. The presentation was done by Mr. Martin Peters MCIPD (Worked for Behavioural Science Technology International for roughly 4 years, implementing BSTs Behavioural Based Safety Process in various organisations and countries) Mr. Martin started his presentation with a self introduction & moved to his presentation with the series of slides explaining the topic Behavior Based Performance Improvement – An overview" first he informed about the history of Behavioral Science Technology & the industries served by the system. He then explained the countries & the companies that implement this system. He then explained the primary Concepts of Behaviour-

Based Safety.

- Process not Programme
- Employee Involvement
- Adaptation not Adoption
- No Name, No Blame
- Develop Internal Resources
- Continuous Improvement
- Management & Workforce Commitment



He then briefed about the importance of this system & how it works?. The presentation was concluded with a very lively session of questions and answers. Mr. Tareq Al-Aslawi head of Publication Committee then Presented a Memento to Mr. Martin Peters. The event was concluded with a high tea for all the participants.

BEACH CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN on 5th May-2005 @ MAHABOULA BEACH

As part of our reach programs, a Beach Clean-up Campaign was organized by American Society of Safety Engineers, Kuwait Chapter (ASSE-KC), on 5th May 2005 at Mahaboula Beach. The event was organized with the



objective of inculcating good habits among the children to protect beaches. About 200 students from various Arabic, English and Indian schools attended the event. The society's President, Mr. Fahad Al-Qattan gave the welcome address, followed by the key note address and speech by Mr. Faisal S.K. Al-Jumai, Director Ahmadi Governorate, Mr. Abdulla Kadri, Manager Administration of M/S Hempel Paints, and Ms. Christina, Executive Secretary, Challenge the ERA, Company. W.L.L.

A briefing was carried out in English & Arabic languages on the objective of the campaign and useful tips for beach protection. Mr. Muthukumar, Head of Outreach Committee of ASSE-KC and Mr. Tareq Al-Aslawi briefed

in English and Arabic languages respectively.

Subsequently, safety tips were explained to Children while carrying out the beach cleaning activity These were briefed in detail by Mr. Jayakumar, out reach committee and Mr. Tareq Al-Aslawi in English and Arabic respectively. After the beach clean up tips a pledge was given & it was headed by Ms. Vinita, ASSE member in English and Tareq Aslawi in Arabic.

The pledge was followed by felicitation of sponsors, in which Memento's were handed over to Mr. Faisal S.K. Al-Jumai, Director Ahmadi Governorate, for the cooperation & encouragement given all through the program, Mr. Abdulla Al-Kadri, Manager Administration of M/S Hempel Paints, Ms. Christina Executive Secretary, Challenge the ERA, Company. W.L.L and to Burger King for sponsoring the event. It was then followed by vote of thanks by Mr. Garlapati Ashok, Secretary, ASSE-KC to the sponsors and schools management and to the students in particular for making the program a success. The dignitaries declared the event open and children began the cleaning activity. It was indeed a wonderful event, where the children learnt many tips, while having fun & joy. About one truck load of material was collected from beach by the students. Later, students had good refreshments

at provided by Burger king. The event was sponsored by M/s Hempel Paints, Challenge the ERA Company, W.L.L, & M/s Burger King.

Training Programme on OHSAS 18001 :1999

Training committee successfully conducted a Training programme on OHSAS 18001:1999 Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems Lead auditor course in association with Bureau Veritas, Kuwait from 7th May-11th May'05 at Radisson SAS Hotel. 10 delegates participated in the program.

Technical Meet on BP Texas City Refinery Explosion Incident - Learning the Lessons Hard Way

A Technical meet on "BP Texas City Refinery Explosion Incident - Learning the Lessons Hard Way" on 29th May'05 at Hilton Hotel, Mangaf, for the benefits of the members. The function was attended by the ASSE members & other HSE Professionals. Mr. G Ashok, Secretary of ASSE-KC welcomed the members. Mr. N. Vasudevan, member Publication Committee of ASSE-KC introduced the topics & shared some talk on "Incident Investigation & lessons Learnt", He then invited Mr. Ujwal Ritwik, Sr. Engineer, SH&E, KNPC and the founding President of Kuwait Chapter of American Society of Safety Engineers to give away the presentation .



The presentation was titled " BP Texas City Refinery Explosion Incident - Learning the Lessons Hard Way ". Mr. Ritwik started with a slide show that indicated the destruction areas in the BP Texas City Refinery that took place on 23 March 2005, He then presented various statistics that pointed out the root cause of this explosion. He then briefly explained the incident step by step , He informed that around 117 injured & 15 were dead in this explosion. This was followed by serious discussions on process safety management & talks were shared among the members. Mr. Ashok thanked him a lot for the valuable & informative presentation. He then invited the heads of training committee & the Environment forum to make announcement on the future programs. Mr. Devan Kotecha, Head Environment Forum made announcement for the World Environment Day'05 that is scheduled on 5th June'05. He invited all the members for the event. Mr. Reghunathan Thankappan followed him & made announcement for the training program on OSHAS that scheduled to be conducted on June 2 & 3rd June'05. It was then time for the felicitation party , Mr. Fadhel A. Al-Ali, Chairman, ASSE-KC awarded a memento to Mr. Ujwal Ritwik presentation. The meet was concluded with High tea.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY -2005 on 5th June'05 @ Radisson SAS Hotel.

American Society of Safety Engineers, Kuwait Chapter Organised the World Environment Day 2005 on 05.06.05 at Radisson SAS, Hotel, for public as well as its members. Mr. Fadhel A. Al-Ali, Chairman welcomed the dignitaries & other members. He proudly informed that it is the 5th consecutive year, the society is commemorating the World Environment Day (WED).

He proudly added that ASSE-Kuwait Chapter is the only voluntary organization observing this day in the State of Kuwait. We have converted this event as a family event, where in we assemble all ASSE members families, their children and other guests. We have conducted several competitions for school children and general public focusing on that particular WED theme. This year the theme given by UNEP is “Green Cities. Plan for the Planet”. The theme chosen by UNEP is very significant for the growing population in cities. Particularly, presently we are not giving priority for growing plants in the cities due to various reasons. But we need to plan the cities, grow more plants in cities and maintain the sustainable development. Even in the State of Kuwait, Govt has taken up a prestigious project called” National Greenery Development Project” costing millions of Dinars. Mr. Ashok, Secretary ASSE-Kuwait Chapter informed that ASSE is the oldest safety organization that was founded in 1911 & briefed about the activities of Kuwait Chapter and its growth over a period of last five years. Then he



briefed on the background and objectives of World Environment Day. Capt. Awadh Saeed, Manager Environment, KPC gave the keynote address. He appreciated the efforts & the activities of ASSE-Kuwait chapter.

Mr. Ali Ghuloom Ahmed, Manager(EH&S) of M/s. Equate Petrochemicals graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Equate Petrochemicals addressed the gathering on importance of environmental protection in Kuwait and appreciated the role played by Environment Forum of ASSE-KC. He then gave a presentation that briefed about the key roles played by EQUATE in the field of HSE.

Mr. G. Ashok, Secretary ASSE-KC, Introduced the presenter Dr. N.R. Bhat ,Research Scientist, KISR & invited him to give a presentation. Dr. N.R Bhat then started with a series of slides that screened the various species of plants that can be introduced in the state of Kuwait. He explained the importance of greenery in Kuwait & also explained the greenery project that has been implemented in Kuwait.

Then, Mr.Ashok Kumar, Head of Environment Forum briefed about the various competition conducted in commemoration of WED’05. He informed that about 20 schools participated in the Essay writing, Painting and good response was received from school children for these competitions.

Chief Guest Mr. Ali Ghuloom joined with Mr. Fadhel A Al-gave away the prizes to competitions organised by felicitation party was then memento’s to the dignitaries, ASSE-KC handed over the HS&E Manager,EQUATE, Scientist,KISR, Mr. Dublin, Environment Manager, NAPESCO for appreciating their support for marking this event a great success. Secretary of the ASSE-KC Chapter has presented the proceedings of the WED 2005 celebrations. Simultaneously quiz draw was conducted among the audience & prizes were awarded to the lucky winners. The presentation ended with the vote of thanks by Mr. Devan Kotecha, Head of the Environment Forum and thanked the Presenters and members



Ahmed, Equate Petrochemicals Ali in the felicitation party and deserving candidates of Environment Forum. The extended by awarding Mr. Fadhel A.Ali, Chairman, memento’s to Ali-Ghuloom, Dr. N.R. Bhat, Research Reporter,Arabtimes, Dr. Jamal,

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for attending in such large number for this WED 2005 celebrations. The event was concluded with a dinner sponsored by M/s EQUATE PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY. In line with theme of WED 2005, the organisers distributed outdoor plants (CONOCORPUS) to all participants and requested them to plant either at homes, schools or offices to increase the greenery development in the Kuwait. It is a small beginning by every participants to make a big difference. Following are the competitions results:

ESSAY COMPETITION

GROUP I (Age: 12 – 14 years)

Theme: **“GREEN CITY – CLEAN CITY”**

S no	Name	Class	School	Result
1	G. Yashwanth	VII	Carmel School	I
2	Manasvini Vaidyula	X	Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Pvt School	II
3	Archana Sunal	IX	Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Pvt School	III

GROUP II (Age: 15 – 17 years)

Theme: **“GREEN CITY – CLEAN CITY”**

S no	Name	Class	School	Result
1	Mohammed Ghassan	XI	Al-Amal Indian School	I
2	Sameena Khalique	XI	Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Pvt School	II
3	Ulorica Reveredo	XI	Indian Central School	III

PAINTING COMPETITION

Theme : **GREEN CITY – CLEAN CITY**

S no	Name	Class	School	Result
1	Taduri Arundhati	III	Delhi Public School	I
2	Smitha Rani Panda	IV	Gulf Indian School	II
3	Shreya Panda	II	Gulf Indian School	III

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Theme : **GREEN CITY – CLEAN CITY**

S no	Name	School/Company	Result
1	G. Yashwanth	Carmel School	I
2	Joy Cherian	Hempel Paints, Kuwait	II

10 Hrs training course on OSHA ◀ Occupational Safety & Health Standard

Training Committee organized a 10 hr training program exclusively for members on OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Standard in General Industry) on 2nd & 3rd June'05 at Hilton Resort Kuwait. The faculty was Mr. Mr.Barun Baruah, WSO CSM, ASSE member.

OHSAS 18001 :1999

Training committee successfully conducted the second batch on OHSAS 18001:1999 Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems Lead auditor course in association with Bureau Veritas,Kuwait exclusively for members from 18th – 22nd June'05 at Hilton Hotel.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Executive Committee Meeting on 10th July -2005 at Hilton Resort

ASSE-KC MEMBER STATUS

Currently ASSE-KC has 150 members.

New Members : 16

Renewals : 6

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