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Special points of interest:

- PSSP-MER received its recognition as a Safety Training Organization from the DOLE-BWC last January 20, 2009.
- The next seminar/workshop will be on March 27, 2009.

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Seminar Workshop on Ergonomics and Heavy Equipment

Dhahran Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. As early as 5:00 AM in the morning of Friday, 27 February 2009, the 195 attendees to the Seminar Workshop on ERGONOMICS and on HEAVY EQUIPMENT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS started arriving at Dhahran Palace Hotel, the venue of the event. Of special mention is the group from Al Kharij that travelled more than 500km by road just to attend the seminar.

The seminar on Occupational Ergonomics was presented by Engr. Levi S. Alejo, the VP for Internal Affairs of PSSP-MER, and a BWC Registered Safety Practitioner. The following were covered in the presentation:

- The goal of ergonomics and the interrelationships with WMSD and other fields especially Biomechanics.
- Ergonomics Principles and implementing guidelines

- The components and the framework of an Ergonomic Program

The attendees were given the relevance of and hands-on experience in Safe Load Calculations, and in conducting a Rapid Entire Body Assessment.

Engr. Peter Marfa, BOD Chairman of PSSP-MER and also a BWC Registered Safety Practitioner, gave the seminar on Heavy Equipment Safety Requirements.

It was comprehensive in covering the safety requirements of almost all types of heavy equipments whose operators are required to have, as a minimum, a Saudi Arabian Government License. In most cases passing a Saudi Aramco Competency Certification indicating proficiency to operate such machine is required in order to work within Saudi Aramco sites.

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Other Highlights in the event.... by Levi S. Alejo

Mr. Renato Rey Barraca, Secretary General of PSSP-MER gave an overview of the BWC BOSH Program which will be given to interested members for their career as well as personal development. This program will be given for 5 consecutive Fridays starting March 13, 2009. The BOSH Program will be separate and different

from those offered by PSSP-MER during its regular monthly seminar/workshops. The BOSH Program is a must for BWC professional certification. BWC-certified safety practitioners are also recognized in all ASEAN member countries wherein they could practice their safety profession.

A new set of Officers and BOD members were introduced during the event. These new set of faces were to assume the positions vacated by the members who were either assigned to distant work areas or relocated to other countries. Congratulations to all of them and we wish them success.