IIRSM BRANCH OPENING MEETING ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

12 January 2014

IIRSM achieved its new mile stone in South East Asia Region by opening its new branch Office in Islamabad, Pakistan. IIRSM Islamabad Branch Opening Ceremony, was organized by Greenwich Training & Consulting on 12th January, 2014.

Mr. Tayyeb Shah who is Director HSE Greenwich Training & Consulting Pakistan put his extraneous efforts to add color to this ceremony by convincing all leading HSE course providers of Pakistan to grace this occasion with their presence. Mr. Tayyeb Shah has been nominated as Representative IIRSM Islamabad Branch to lead IIRSM in Islamabad Region.

The event was jointly sponsored by Professional Safety Training Consultancy Company Pakistan, TWI The Technology Engineering Pakistan, Occupational Safety and Health Training Consultancy Pakistan, World Institute of Health and Safety Pakistan, Safety Standards Consultants Pakistan and Rigtech International.

Event Opening:
The meeting opened formally at 2:00pm by introductory speech conducted by Mr. Sameer ur Rahman, who introduced distinguished guests and announced plan of meeting.

Ribbon cutting ceremony:
The event started on high node with formal ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Ahmed Jahanzeb Country Rep IIRSM Pakistan along with Mr. Tayyeb Shah opened the event by cutting the ribbon to launch IIRSM new branch in Pakistan, which will be operational in Capital of the country Islamabad.
Opening Speech:

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Mr. Khizar Hayat Malik gave the brief introduction of distinguished guests in his opening speech who were representing different HSE training and consultancy organizations. He also thanked all respected delegates by coming from different areas of Pakistan to participate in this meeting.

IIRSM Introduction

Mr. Mohammad Hakim Bangash introduced IIRSM. He explained about the role of IIRSM for proving recognition, information, promotion of knowledge for health and safety professionals and specialist members who are involved in field health and safety.

He briefly informed candidates about the following

- IIRSM History
- IIRSM Vision, Mission and Commitment
- IIRSM Activities, Partners and Members
- IIRSM Memberships and Benefits
- Central and South East Asia Aims and Objectives

IIRSM Role in Pakistan!

Mr. Ahmed Jahanzaib country representative IIRSM delivered a comprehensive speech on IIRSM role in Pakistan and he also informed delegates about previous meetings of IIRSM which were conducted in Lahore and Karachi respectively last year.

Mr. Ahmed Jahanzaib also explained IIRSM membership categories and he also briefed the delegates how they can become members of IIRSM. The candidates were pleased to know about importance of IIRSM for their
professional development in field of HSE. More than 140 delegates from different regions of Pakistan were present in ceremony who showed keen interest in becoming professional members of IIRSM.

**Risk Management Training**

The major highlight of the event was Video Speech which was delivered by Mr. Hamid P. Ebrahim on topic of Risk Management. Unfortunately Mr. Hamid P. Ebharmi, IIRSM Chairman Central and South East Asia who happened to be chief guest of this ceremony, was unable to attend this ceremony and left the country due to some visa issues.

But he fulfilled his absence by speaking with audience through recorded video prior to leave the country. He explained the importance of Risk Management by narrating story of The Millennium Bridge, which is officially known as the London Millennium Footbridge. It is a steel suspension bridge which is used for pedestrians crossing and situated across the River Thames in London.

This bridge was named as "Wobbly Bridge" because when it was opened first time in year 2000, pedestrian experienced unexpected swaying motion. It was then closed for pedestrian due to flaw in engineering design.

Mr. Hamid explained how a simple wrong assumption can lead to serious design engineering errors. Mr. Hamid highlighted the importance of risk management at planning stage, by identifying possible hazards associated with the task and then introducing controls to reduce the consequences.

**The Role of IIRSM Member Organizations in OHS:**

Mr. Qadir Mehmood Soomro explains the role of member’s organization in occupational Health and Safety. He described how IIRSM platform can be used in Pakistan to work in field of health and safety. He explained in his speech that health and safety organization in Pakistan should play their roles in developing guidelines for occupational health and safety. These
guidelines then can be used for producing Occupational health and safety act in Pakistan.

**Open forum Question and Answer Session:**

Mr. Tayyeb Shah Conducted open forum questions answers regarding IIRSM with participant. All quires and concern of candidates were explained to their satisfaction level to ensure commitment of IIRSM professionals.

Mr. Tayyeb Shah also thanked the delegates for turning up in huge number at IIRSM meeting to show commitment for field of health and safety. IIRSM regional Branch opening was aimed to bridge the gap between HSE professional and local community by sharing knowledge and information. It also provided a unique opportunity of its kind, where all HSE professionals and practitioners came together on table to discuss health and safety issues.

**Cake Cutting:**

Cake with IIRSM logo bearing on it was also cut to celebrate the branch opening. All respected main guests joined hands together to celebrate the branch opening of IIRSM by cutting cake.

**Distribution of Souvenirs:**

All delegates were presented with Souvenirs shields after end of formal speeches sessions.

**Tea:**

At 5:00 pm participants invited for Hi Tea and refreshments.

**Future Role of IIRSM Pakistan:**

In the later part of the meeting, IIRSM future meetings plan was developed, and key responsible person were nominated to perform their designated responsibilities in near future.
Concluding Remarks:

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Overall Launch was a big success, as people came to know about presence of IIRSM in their region and they look forward to be a part of it. People had shown keen interest to work of IIRSM in this region to promote safety awareness. Now finalization of key persons in progress to ensure smooth operation of this branch in future.

Almost 160 HSE related individuals attended the ceremony.