

Resolution

11th National Occupational Safety and Health Congress
“Zero Accident Program: Key to Safe, Healthy and Productive
Workplaces”
October 8-10, 2008

Whereas, the Philippines is committed to the Seoul Declaration adopted in 2008 at the 18th World Congress on “Safety and Health at Work” on the promotion of a national framework for OSH in accordance with ILO Convention No. 187;

Whereas, the Zero Accident Program (ZAP) is the Flagship Program of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and a key component of National OSH Medium-Term Plan 2008-2010;

Whereas ZAP is a national strategy spearheaded by the OSHC to promote safety and health of workers through advocacy, capability building, compliance, network/linkages and a means for raising the productivity and competitiveness of establishments;

The 11th National Occupational Safety Congress, providing a unique forum for taking stock of relevant policies and programs, has set the following priorities, in particular:

- Uphold the dignity and rights of all Filipino workers, locally and overseas, and challenge any denial of these rights;
- Strengthen programs on safety and health as well as on social protection for vulnerable sectors including workers in the informal sector, women workers, older workers, young workers, migrant workers, differently abled persons, indigenous peoples and persons afflicted with HIV/AIDS;
- Continue sharing good practices that serve as models and benchmarks in such areas as construction safety, health and safety in hospitals and in all private and public offices;
- Urgently address the hazards of chrysotile asbestos use in the country and advocate for its total ban;
- Promote awareness among all stakeholders regarding the proper use of chemicals including the support to the Globally Harmonized System of Labeling of Chemicals (GHS);
- Cooperate with the DOLE, in particular its Regional offices and the OSHC, in expanding national, regional and local networks among establishments, employer and worker organizations, OSH practitioners or LGUs through innovative mechanisms like tripartite industrial peace councils;

- Support Government initiatives and policies to achieve full compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) through self-assessment, inspection and/or technical assistance under the Labor Standards Enforcement Framework;
- Promote the use of OSH practices in Corporate Social Responsibility programs as means for sharing experiences on preventive occupational safety and health with schools, local communities and the informal sector; and
- Integrate safety and health in programs on disaster preparedness management, climate change, and emergency responses and to build necessary technical and administrative capacity and capability;

We, the participants of the 11th National Occupational Safety and Health Congress, representing stakeholders in the private and public sectors and civil society, commit ourselves:

to support all initiatives towards addressing the priority issues identified at the Congress and to always uphold and promote the Zero Accident Program (ZAP) as the flagship program under the National Medium Term Plan on OSH 2006-2010.

Done at the Occupational Safety and Health Center of the Department of Labor and Employment in Diliman, Quezon City this 10th day of October 2008.