

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** made and executed by and between:

The **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE)** with office address at the DOLE Building, Intramuros, Manila, represented by **ACTING SECRETARY ROMEO C. LAGMAN**, herein referred to as the DOLE ;

The **ASSOCIATION OF SAFETY PRACTITIONERS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (ASPPI)**, a professional organization organized under existing laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with office address at 3rd Floor, Enriqueta Building, D. Tuazon St. Quezon City represented by its National **President, ENGR. LARRY ANDRES B. SERIL**, herein referred to as ASPPI.

WITNESSETH :

WHEREAS, work-related injuries, diseases and deaths which have a negative effect on productivity and on economic and social development still remain a problem in many establishments in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need for concerted action among stakeholders to reduce the incidence of occupational injuries, diseases and deaths in all workplaces;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect every working man against hazards in the workplaces that may result to injury, sickness or death through safe and healthful working conditions, thereby assuring the conservation of valuable manpower resources and prevention of loss or damage to lives and properties;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this policy, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), through the Bureau of Working Conditions (BWC) and other attached agencies undertake programs and activities to promote safety and health awareness and safework habits of workers and build a culture of workplace safety and health and voluntary compliance with labor standards and occupational safety and health standards by all establishments and workplaces;

WHEREAS, the Labor Standards Enforcement Framework (LSEF) under Department Order No. 57-04 encourages partnership and networking with labor and employers' organizations as well as with other government agencies, professional organizations and private establishments as an effective strategy to enhance voluntary compliance with labor standards and occupational health and safety standards;

WHEREAS, the Association of Safety Practitioners of the Philippines Inc. (ASPPI), commit to support DOLE's programs and activities for a safe and healthy working environment by undertaking programs for the advancement of occupational safety and health in the country;

WHEREAS, ASPPI and DOLE share a common goal and objective to promote, enhance and instill national consciousness and appreciation of the importance of occupational safety and health;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, the parties have agreed that:

Section 1 - ASPPI Undertakings- ASPPI- shall perform with due diligence the following activities:

- 1.1 Shall encourage its members to promote professionalism, camaraderie and good relationships among OSH practitioners to uplift the practice of OSH in the country.
- 1.2 Shall at all times adhere to the rules and regulations provided for accredited safety professionals pursuant to DO 16, s 2001.
- 1.3 Shall provide technical assistance on OSH to the Bureau of Working Conditions and the Regional Offices of the Department of Labor and Employment, whenever necessary.
- 1.4 Shall assist the BWC or ROs in the conduct orientations on occupational safety and health and other related activities.
- 1.5 Shall encourage the promotion of social responsibility and accountability in the conduct of its operations;
- 1.6 Shall participate in community programs and projects for the promotion of OSH; and
- 1.7 Shall coordinate with the DOLE-BWC-ROs for appropriate technical support and guidance.

Section 2 - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) through the BWC and ROs;


2.1 Shall provide ASPPI, the necessary directions, guidelines and supervision in the implementation of OSH activities and programs; and


Section 3 - The DOLE through the BWC shall be the focal agency to coordinate inter-agency and sectoral interventions in relation to OSH policies and concerns.

Section 4 - This Memorandum of Agreement shall take effect upon signing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto set their hands this 24th day of August 2007 at the Heritage Hotel, Pasay City.


ROMEO C. LAGMAN
Acting Secretary
Department of Labor and Employment


ENGR. LARRY ANDRES B. SERIL
National President
Association. of Safety Practitioners of the Phils. Inc.

WITNESSES:


BRENDA L. VILLAFUERTE, CESO III
Director IV
Bureau of Working Conditions



FRUMENCIO TAN
Director
Association of Safety Practitioners of the Phils. Inc.