

# Conference Programme

Friday, 06 February 2009

Program  
for the Asian Asbestos Conference  
2009

Venue  
- Regal Riverside Hotel, Shatin, Hong Kong

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- 26-27 April, 2009

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25th  
April, 2009

15:00-  
18:00

18:00-  
19:00

Preparatory  
meeting for grass-roots delegates

Venue: Bauhinia Room, 3rd  
Floor

Introduction  
for participants

Venue:  
Riverside  
Ballroom, 1st  
Floor

Moderator-  
Suki Chung, Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC)

Message  
from Japanese asbestos victims & families - Dr. Yoshiomi  
Temmyo

Photographic exhibition: India's  
Asbestos Time Bomb

Premiere  
of India's Asbestos Time Bomb Film

Presentation of Award by  
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), USA - Linda  
Reinstein, ADAO Executive Director and Co-Founder

Welcome  
dinner for delegates

Indonesian Cultural Performance

26th  
April, 2009

Morning  
Session

Venue:  
The Forum, 1st  
Floor

09:00-  
10:10

Welcome  
Session (5 minutes only  
for each speaker)

Moderator- Omana George, Asia Monitor  
Resource Centre (AMRC)

Hong Kong Confederation of Trade  
Union - Lee Cheuk-yan

Asia Monitor Resource Centre - Sanjiv  
Pandita

Association for the Rights of Industrial  
Accident Victims - Chan Kam-hong

International Ban Asbestos  
Secretariat - Laurie Kazan-Allen

Building and Woodworkers  
International - Fiona Murie

International Commission on  
Occupational Health - Dr. Kazutaka Kogi

Special  
address

World  
Health Organization - Dr. Hisashi Ogawa

International  
Labour Organization - Dr. Tsuyoshi Kawakami

Victim  
Speaks out from Hong Kong

10:10-11:10

10:10-10:25

10:25-10:40

10:40-  
11:00

11:00-11:15

Plenary  
Session 1 - Asia's  
Asbestos Time Bomb

Moderator:  
Elizabeth  
Tang

Global  
Asbestos Panorama 2009 -  
Laurie Kazan-Allen, Coordinator, International Ban Asbestos  
Secretariat (IBAS), UK

Asbestos  
Diseases - A Global Ecological Perspective -  
Professor Ken Takahashi, University of Occupational and  
Environmental Health, Japan

KEYNOTE  
PRESENTATION:  
Current Situation of Asbestos-Related Problems in China -  
Professor Xiaorong Wang, Dept. of Community & Family Medicine,  
Chinese University of Hong Kong

Discussion

10:10-10:40

Press  
Conference - This  
will take place simultaneously with Plenary Session 1 but in a  
separate room.

11:15-11:30

Tea  
Break

11:30-13:15

11:30-11:45

11:45-12:00

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13:00-13:15

Plenary  
Session 2- Tackling the Hazardous Aftermath of Asia's Asbestos  
Consumption

Moderator-  
Madhumita Dutta, Corporate Accountability Desk - The Other Media,  
India

ILO  
Campaign to End Asbestos-Related Disease - Tsuyoshi  
Kawakami, Senior Specialist on Occupational Safety and Health,  
ILO Sub regional Office for East Asia, Bangkok

Towards  
Elimination of Asbestos-related Diseases: WHO Approach - Hisashi  
Ogawa, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Asbestos  
Victims' Campaigns in Asia -  
Sugio Furuya, Ban Asbestos Network, Japan (BANJAN), Japan

Global  
Mobilization of Trade Union Action on Asbestos  
- Fiona Murie, Director of Health & Safety, Building and  
Woodworkers International (BWI), Switzerland

A  
New Australia-Asia Asbestos Research Cooperative to Help Victims  
of Asbestos Disease

- Professor  
Bruce Robinson, National Centre for Asbestos Related  
Diseases (NCARD), Australia

Transnational  
Claims: How U.S. Developments Affect Asian Asbestos Victims  
- Steven Kazan, Kazan, McClain, USA

Discussion

13:15  
- 14:15

Lunch

Venue:  
Tai Po Room, 2nd  
Floor

Afternoon  
Session

14:15  
- 16:15

14:15-14:25

14:25-14:45

14:45-14:57

14:57-15:09

15:09-15:21

15:21-15:33

15:33-16:15

Workshop  
1 - The  
Basic Facts about Asbestos

Venue: The Forum, 1st  
Floor

Moderator:

Apolinar Tolentino, Jr. Regional OSH Officer, Building  
and Woodworkers International (BWI  
) Asia Pacific

Welcome

- Apolinar Tolentino, Jr.

Introduction

to Asbestos

- Fiona Murie,

Director of Health & Safety, Building and Woodworkers  
International (BWI), Switzerland

Dust

Prevention for Carpenters: Grassroots Activity on a Construction  
Site in Tokyo

- Katsuyuki Iida, Tokyo OSH Center, Japan

CAW

Asbestos Action

- Sari Sairanen, National Health and Safety Director, Canadian  
Autoworkers Union, Canada

CFMEU Training on

Asbestos Hazards, Agreements, Campaigning-

Pat Preston, CFMEU, Australia

Challenges

of Retired Asbestos Workers

-Mr. Hiroyuki Kawamoto, Kanagawa OSH Centre, Japan

Open

Forum

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- 16:15

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Workshop  
2  
- Medical  
Session

Venue:  
Tai Po Room, Suite 1, 2nd  
Floor

Moderators:  
Professors Domyung Paek & Naomi Hisanaga

Introduction  
- Prof. Domyung  
Paek, Seoul National University

Pathological  
Diagnosis of Asbestos-Related Diseases  
- Professor Koukhi Inai, Hiroshima University, Japan

Asbestosis among  
Ex-asbestos Workers of a Mumbai Asbestos Factory: A Prevalence  
Study - Dr Archana  
Kakade, Occupational Health Consultant (OHSC), Mumbai, India

Environmental  
Fallout from Asbestos Pollution in Korea - Asbestosis Epidemics  
from Neighborhood Exposure in Chungnam Provinces, Korea  
- Dr Yeon-Soon Ahn, Department of Occupational Medicine, Dongguk  
College of Medicine, Goyang, Korea

Asbestos-related  
lung cancer in Japanese construction workers  
- Professor Naomi Hisanaga, Aichi University of Education, Japan

The  
Latest Data on Mesothelioma Diagnosis and Treatment  
- Professor Bruce Robinson, National Centre for Asbestos  
Related Diseases (NCARD), Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth,  
Australia

Case  
Study: Asbestosis in the Aftermath of Cyclone Tracy -  
Dr. Gregory Deleuil, Medical Advisor to the Asbestos Diseases  
Society of Australia, Perth, Australia

Discussion

14:15  
- 16:15

Break-Out  
Session 1 - Potential  
Asian Claims on U.S. Asbestos Bankruptcy Trusts

Venue:  
Tai Po Room, Suite 2, 2nd  
Floor

Moderator-  
Steven Kazan, Kazan, McClain, USA

16:15  
- 16:30

Tea  
Break

16:30-  
18:45

Break-Out  
Session 2 -  
Building  
the Ban Asbestos Asian Network

Venue:  
The Forum, 1st  
Floor

Moderator-  
Choi  
Yeyong,  
Ban  
Asbestos Korea (BANKO), Korea

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Workshop  
3 - Practical Considerations for Minimizing the Asbestos Hazard

Tai  
Po Room, Suite 1, 2nd  
Floor

Moderators  
- Andy Oberta, The Environmental Consultancy, USA/ Dave Hodgkin, Environmental Housing & Emergency Shelter Consultant, Benchmark Consulting, Indonesia

Case  
Study: Post-disaster Recovery and the Problem of Asbestos  
- Dave Hodgkin, Environmental Housing & Emergency Shelter Consultant, Benchmark Consulting, Indonesia

Case  
Study: ESB Experience of Remediating Asbestos Contaminated Land  
- Patrick J. Colman, The Irish Electricity Supply Board, Ireland

A  
Holistic Approach to Managing Asbestos Hazards  
- Andy Oberta, The Environmental Consultancy, USA

"The  
Art of Applying Science to Asbestos Abatement:" A Moral  
Obligation to Minimize Exposure While Maintaining Costs  
- Vincent J. Brennan, University of Vermont, USA

Removal in a Subway Station During Operation  
- Heinz Kropiunik, AETAS Ziviltechniker GmbH, Austria

Development  
of Asbestos-free Roofing Materials in China  
- Dr. Lin Zhen, Elkem Materials, Beijing, China

Technology  
and Equipment for Production of Non-asbestos Corrugated Cement  
Sheets in Vietnam - Nguyen  
Dinh Kien, Institute of Mechanics, Vietnamese Academy of Science  
and Technology, Vietnam

Discussion

18:45

End  
of Day 1

27th  
April, 2009

Morning  
Session

Venue:  
The Forum, 1st  
Floor

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Plenary  
Session 3 - Country Reports

Moderator  
- Apo Leong, Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong

India  
- Madhumita Dutta, Corporate Accountability - The Other Media,  
India

Bangladesh  
- Saki Rizwana, Chairperson, Bangladesh Occupational Safety,  
Health and Environment Foundation, Bangladesh

Sri  
Lanka  
- Dr. Hemantha Wickramatillake, Director General, National  
Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Ministry of Labour  
Relations, Sri Lanka

Philippines  
- Gerard Seno, National  
Vice President, Associated Labour Unions-Trade Union Congress of  
the Philippines (ALU-TUCP), BWI,  
Philippines

Pakistan  
- Dr. Noor Jehan , Assistant  
Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of  
Peshawar, Pakistan

Indonesia  
- Muthamad Darisman, Sedane Labour Resource Centre, Indonesia

Hong  
Kong  
- Trevor Sun, Workers' Health Centre, Hong Kong

Malaysia  
- Mr Matdiah Mohd,  
Malaysian Trades Union Congress,  
Malaysia

Discussion

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Tea  
Break

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Plenary  
Session 4 - Meeting the Needs of Asbestos Victims

Moderator: Sugio Furuya, BANJAN, Japan

Compensation  
for Asbestos Disease in New South Wales, Australia -  
Judge John L. O'Meally, President, Dust Diseases Tribunal of New  
South Wales, Australia

Japan  
Association of Mesothelioma, Asbestos-Related Disease Victims and  
Their Families - Ms. Kazumi Yoshizaki

Ban

Asbestos Network Korea - Mr. Park Young-Koo , BANKO

Hong  
Kong Victim

Asbestos  
in Talc baby powder - social awakening experience of Korea  
- Dr  
Yeon-Soon Ahn, Department of Occupational Medicine, Dongguk  
College of Medicine, Goyang, Korea

Discussion

13:00-14:00

Lunch

Venue:  
Riverside Ballroom, 1st  
Floor

Afternoon  
Session

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Workshop  
4 - International Transfer of Asbestos Industry to Asian  
Locations

Venue: The Forum, 1st  
Floor

Moderator -  
Barry Castleman, Environmental Consultant, USA

Case  
Report of the International Trade of the Asbestos Industry in Asia  
- Professor Takehiko Murayama, Waseda University, Japan

Joint

Case Study: Exposure Survey of Nichias Textile Factories in Japan, Korea and Indonesia -

Dr Dong-Mug Kang, Pusan University, Korea, Dr. Zulmiar Yanri, Indonesia , Choi Yeyong, BANKO, Korea

Asbestos

Claims against an Australian Multinational - The James Hardie Experience - Ms.

Maria McGarvie, Slater & Gordon, Australia

Brazilian

Asbestos Exports to Asia -

Fernanda Giannasi, Coordinator of the Virtual Citizen Network for the Ban of Asbestos in Latin America and Founding Member of ABREA, Brazil

Discussion

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16:00

Tea  
Break

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Workshop  
5 - Shipyards, Ship Breaking Industry and Railways

Tai  
Po Room, Suite 1, 2nd  
Floor

Moderator-  
Paul Bastian, Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, affiliated

with the International Metalworkers Federation (IMF)

#### Organizing

Migrant Ship breaking workers in India - An unique experience  
- Sudershan Rao Sarde, Director IMF, South Asian Regional Office,  
India

#### Case

Study Report of Malignant Mesothelioma Caused by Occupational  
Exposure to Asbestos in Taiwan Shipyards  
- Chang Jung-Lung, Taiwan Association for Victims of Occupational  
Injuries (TAVOI), Taiwan

Shipbuilding-mesothelioma  
in Europe and in Asia -

Dr. Claudio Bianchi, Center for the Study of Environmental Cancer,  
Italian League Against Cancer, Monfalcone, Italy

#### Asbestos

in Rail Vehicles - A

Case Study in How Not to Scrap Asbestos-Contaminated Rail Vehicles  
- Heinz Kropiunik, aetas Ziviltechniker GmbH, Austria

#### Discussion

15:30-15:45

Tea  
Break

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Plenary  
Session 5 - Building the Global Ban Asbestos Network

Venue:  
The Forum, 1st  
Floor

Moderator -  
Laurie Kazan-Allen, Coordinator, International Ban Asbestos  
Secretariat, UK

Social  
Movements in South America  
- Fernanda Giannasi, Coordinator of the Virtual Citizen Network  
for the Ban of Asbestos in Latin America and Founding Member of  
ABREA, Brazil

Mobilisation  
of European Action on Asbestos  
- Dr. Annie Thebaud-Mony, Director of Research, National Institute  
of Health and Medical Research, France

Ban  
Asbestos Mobilisation in Korea -  
Choi  
Yeyong,  
Ban  
Asbestos Network of Korea (BANKO), Korea

Building  
a Grassroots Asbestos Victims' Organization in North America  
- Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the

Asbestos Diseases Awareness Organization, USA

Grassroots  
Strengthening and Building of Grassroots Agencies in Asia  
-  
Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong

International  
Protocols, Rotterdam Convention, World Bank  
- Dr. Barry Castleman, Environmental Consultant, USA

Open  
Forum

17:45-  
18:45

Plenary  
Session 6 - Going Forward: Consolidation and Closing  
Session

Moderator:  
Sanjiv Pandita, Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong

Hong  
Kong Declaration -  
Elizabeth Tang, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, Hong Kong

Launch  
of Asian Ban Asbestos Network (A-BAN)

Awards Ceremony  
- Presentation of IBAS Grassroots Bursaries: by Laurie  
Kazan-Allen and Chan Kam-hong

Presentation  
of The Henri Pezerat Memorial Award 2009 - Dr. Annie Thebaud-Mony

Closing Speech-  
Apo Leong, Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong

28th  
April, 2009

Morning  
Session

10:00

International  
Workers' Memorial Day, Chater Garden, Central, Hong Kong Island

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