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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ZAINAL MUBARIK

I reckon it is not too late to wish all of you a belated Happy New Year in 2005. This means now that MIHA is entering the third year of its existence. I would like to thank all those that have given their support to MIHA over these years. And I hope to receive continuous support in the coming years to ensure that our vision and wishes for the profession to becoming recognized and growing becoming a reality.

In 2004, we had successfully conducted 3 IH forums, a week of comprehensive industrial hygiene training, a tea talk, active e-group discussions, and CIH examination. We achieved most what we wanted to do in 2004, but we are not satisfied. We are happy with the feedback that we received from participants who attended our workshops and training but we are not contented. There are so many things that we want to do but our hands are not enough. We need more help from the members to come forward and contribute their time, energy and ideas by joining the working committees. This has always been a challenge to all of us.

We have lined up some activities in 2005 such as a 2-day National Industrial Hygiene Seminar, quarterly IH Forum, CIH examination and CIH preparatory class (if we have enough candidates) and Fundamentals of IH Workshop. For long-term, the committee has also set up two task forces to work on Malaysian IH certification scheme and training program. MIHA has also been approved as the distributor for American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) books. This will benefit the members to buy books at discounted prices. We need your help to assist MIHA committee members in carrying out these planned activities. Please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us if you like to volunteer.

Lastly, it is my desire that MIHA will continue to serve its members satisfactorily and enhance the competency and professionalism of the members in the industrial hygiene field.

Thank you.

Regards,  
*Zainal*

The Malaysian Industrial Hygiene Association (MIHA), in line with their objective to provide training to further advance the standard and skills of personnel involved in Industrial Hygiene assessments, here in Malaysia, organised two sessions of A TWO DAY ADVANCED PRACTICAL WORKSHOP ON LOCAL EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM ASSESSMENT on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 and on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2004 respectively at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in Bangi, in collaboration with PERKESO. The course tutor Mr Frank S. Gill, CEng, FBIOH, FFOM, MAIOH, MIMM flew in from the United Kingdom just to run this course for MIHA. Mr Frank Gill is now retired but formerly practised for 10 years as a freelance Ventilation Engineer and Occupational Hygienist. It was a privilege to have had Frank Gill conduct this course for us here in Malaysia because his illustrious career in local exhaust ventilation included being the Ventilation and Dust Control Engineer in the United Kingdom National Coal Board for 10 years; Senior Lecturer in Ventilation at the National College of Heating and Ventilating, London, 13 years; Senior Lecturer in Occupational Hygiene, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, 2 years and Deputy Director Institute of Occupational Health, University of Birmingham, 9 years.



LEV Course Participants  
(2nd Session)

This course, a “hands-on” practical training of the measurement of the performance of extraction ventilation systems, was made possible because of the availability of the laboratory facilities at NIOSH. The participants benefited immensely from Mr Frank Gill’s years of practical experience as he discussed on the best methods for assessing LEV systems, how to evaluate measurement results, and solutions to particular problems raised, by using relevant slides covering a wide range of industries and situations. The twenty seven participants, who responded to the evaluation questionnaire at the end of both courses, generally agreed that it was a good course and hoped that MIHA would organise more courses similar to this.



A participant taking pressure measurements  
at the NIOSH laboratory



Mr. Frank Gill sharing his in depth knowledge on LEV  
systems with the class

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**DR. JAS SINGH, CIH, IS RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2005**

*This award will be presented at the AIHCE in Anaheim, California in May. MIHA would like to congratulate Dr. Jas for his contribution to the field of industrial hygiene.*

**MIHA WISHES ALL ITS CHINESE MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS CHINESE NEW YEAR!**

### **EVENTS TO PLAN FOR....SEE YOU THERE**

MIHA'S FIRST NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN JULY/AUGUST TIMEFRAME

Organized by  
in Collaboration



MIHA  
with

LOCATION AND DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

### **AIHA Publications for SALE**

The American Industrial Hygiene Association has accepted MIHA as sole distributor of its publications (books, videos, manuals, etc.).

Soon MIHA hopes to have these books available at a discounted price for its members.

***MIHA'S FIRST COFFEE TALK***  
***SUBJECT : TAKING THE CIH EXAMINATION***



A coffee talk was held on December 17th, 2004, at Secret Recipe Café, Subang Parade. The aim of the session was to introduce those interested in taking the Certified Industrial Hygienist exam to the application process and also to answer any queries on the exam in general. Certified Industrial Hygienists present to provide valuable input to the members were Puan Wan Sabrina, Mr. G. T. Lim and Mr. Keng Cheng Liew.

It is likely that MIHA will bring the exam once again to Malaysia, depending on the number of candidates that will be sitting the examination.

Those planning to sit for the exam, do apply as early as possible. Good luck in your application to the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

Should you have any queries on how to apply, etc., please do not hesitate to contact MIHA for more

***IMPROVEMENTS TO  
MIHA'S EMAIL  
ADDRESSES***

MIHA Members can stream line your queries or suggestions to the right person by emailing to the following email addresses:

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We hope to serve you better this way!

***MARCH ACTIVITIES  
MIHA AGM AND  
LUNCHEON***

Look out for MIHA's AGM in mid March. MIHA will be organizing a luncheon prior to the AGM and have organized for a guest speaker to talk to us about an emerging IH issue.

**DETAILS ON VENUE AND DATE WILL  
BE SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL**

**REMINDER!!!!  
KINDLY RENEW YOUR MIHA  
MEMBERSHIP**