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# DOSH D-G: 55,000-59,000 workers injured, 2,000 killed while at work

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LABUAN: It is estimated between 55,000 to 59,000 workers were injured while working and this was due to accidents at the workplace, while 2,000 were reported killed every year, said the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Director-General Datuk Ir Johari Basri.

According to him, the accidents involved from variety sectors across the country which includes manufacturing, agriculture and construction sectors.

"We have made yearly court prosecution not less than 200 cases and approximately 150 cases for various offenses compounded with compound yield of not less than RM700,000 per annum," Johari said.

He said this in a press conference after the launching of

the Code of Practice on Prevention & Management of HIV / AIDS in the workplace in 2001 and the Code of Prevention & Eradication of Drug Abuse, Alcohol & Substance in 2005 at Schlumberger WTA (M) Sdn Bhd Oil & Gas companies located at Asian Supply Base (ASB), Ranca Ranca here yesterday morning.

Also present were the director of DOSH Labuan Kasman Nasir, director of Schlumberger WTA Khaleel Ahmad Miandad and Dr Sri Puvanneswari Selvaraj who represent the headquarters' DOSH.

Johari said his department had also conducted inspections and monitored more than 150,000 times each year to ensure that all companies and factories implement the Code of Practice.

While answering to the questions by the media, he explained that his department was still investigating what

caused the explosions on MV Bunga Alpinia cargo laden vessel which happened in July this year at the Labuan Petronas Methanol jetty in which five crew members perished in the blast.

"We are still carrying out investigations, including waiting for a report from a number of agencies involved in the investigation," he said.

Earlier, when opening the programme, Johari said for the three years of 2008 to 2011, the department had successfully mentored 30 workplaces across the country in implementing the Code of Practice that involves various sectors including Oil & Gas.

He said the two Codes of Practice are meant to relieve the spread of HIV / AIDS in working places as well as drug and alcohol abuse to employers in assisting the employees in dealing with issues related to the workplace.

"With the Code of Practice,



Johari (right) with Khaleel (second right) during their visit to the exhibition

employers will be more proactive in planning and designing prevention programs and effective management on the issue of workplace issue," Jo-

hari added.

During the launching ceremony, he also received the Code of Practice policy from Schlumberger WTA as the

company's commitment to implement both the Codes of Practice and toured the exhibition booths which was organised by his department.