

Program for the Asian Asbestos Conference 2009

Venue – Regal Riverside Hotel, Shatin, Hong Kong
Date – 26-27 April, 2009

25 th April, 2009	
15:00- 18:00	<p>Preparatory meeting for grass-roots delegates Venue: Bauhinia Room, 3rd Floor</p>
18:00- 19:00	<p>Introduction for participants Venue: Riverside Ballroom, 1st Floor</p> <p>Moderator- Suki Chung, Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC)</p> <p>Message from Japanese asbestos victims & families - Dr. Yoshiomi Temmyo</p> <p>Photographic exhibition: <i>India's Asbestos Time Bomb</i></p> <p>Premiere of India's Asbestos Time Bomb Film</p> <p>Presentation of Award by Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), USA – Linda Reinstein, ADAO Executive Director and Co-Founder</p> <p>Welcome dinner for delegates</p> <p>Indonesian Cultural Performance</p>
26 th April, 2009	
Morning Session Venue: The Forum, 1 st Floor	
09:00- 10:10	<p>Welcome Session (5 minutes only for each speaker) Moderator- Omana George, Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC)</p> <p>Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Union – Lee Cheuk-yan</p> <p>Asia Monitor Resource Centre - Sanjiv Pandita</p> <p>Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims - Chan Kam-hong</p> <p>International Ban Asbestos Secretariat - Laurie Kazan-Allen</p> <p>Building and Woodworkers International - Fiona Murie</p> <p>International Commission on Occupational Health - Dr. Kazutaka Kogi</p>

	<p>Special address World Health Organization - Dr. Hisashi Ogawa International Labour Organization - Dr. Tsuyoshi Kawakami</p> <p>Victim Speaks out from Hong Kong</p>
<p>10:10-11:10</p> <p>10:10-10:25</p> <p>10:25-10:40</p> <p>10:40- 11:00</p> <p>11:00-11:15</p>	<p>Plenary Session 1 - Asia's Asbestos Time Bomb Moderator: Elizabeth Tang</p> <p><i>Global Asbestos Panorama 2009</i> – Laurie Kazan-Allen, Coordinator, International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS), UK</p> <p><i>Asbestos Diseases - A Global Ecological Perspective</i> – Professor Ken Takahashi, University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan</p> <p>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Current Situation of Asbestos-Related Problems in China – Professor Xiaorong Wang, Dept. of Community & Family Medicine, Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>10:10-10:40</p>	<p>Press Conference - This will take place simultaneously with Plenary Session 1 but in a separate room.</p>
<p>11:15-11:30</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>
<p>11:30-13:15</p> <p>11:30-11:45</p> <p>11:45-12:00</p> <p>12:00-12:15</p>	<p>Plenary Session 2- Tackling the Hazardous Aftermath of Asia's Asbestos Consumption Moderator- Madhumita Dutta, Corporate Accountability Desk - The Other Media, India</p> <p><i>ILO Campaign to End Asbestos-Related Disease</i> – Tsuyoshi Kawakami, Senior Specialist on Occupational Safety and Health, ILO Sub regional Office for East Asia, Bangkok</p> <p><i>Towards Elimination of Asbestos-related Diseases: WHO Approach</i> - Hisashi Ogawa, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific</p> <p><i>Asbestos Victims' Campaigns in Asia</i> – Sugio Furuya, Ban Asbestos</p>

12:15-12:30	Network, Japan (BANJAN), Japan
12:30-12:45	<i>Global Mobilization of Trade Union Action on Asbestos</i> – Fiona Murie, Director of Health & Safety, Building and Woodworkers International (BWI), Switzerland
12:45-13:00	<i>A New Australia-Asia Asbestos Research Cooperative to Help Victims of Asbestos Disease</i> – Professor Bruce Robinson, National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases (NCARD), Australia
13:00-13:15	<i>Transnational Claims: How U.S. Developments Affect Asian Asbestos Victims</i> – Steven Kazan, Kazan, McClain, USA
	Discussion

13:15 - 14:15	Lunch Venue: Tai Po Room, 2 nd Floor
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Afternoon Session

14:15 - 16:15	Workshop 1 – <i>The Basic Facts about Asbestos</i> Venue: The Forum, 1st Floor Moderator: Apolinar Tolentino, Jr. Regional OSH Officer, Building and Woodworkers International (BWI) Asia Pacific
14:15-14:25	<i>Welcome</i> - Apolinar Tolentino, Jr.
14:25-14:45	<i>Introduction to Asbestos</i> – Fiona Murie, Director of Health & Safety, Building and Woodworkers International (BWI), Switzerland
14:45-14:57	<i>Dust Prevention for Carpenters: Grassroots Activity on a Construction Site in Tokyo</i> - Katsuyuki Iida, Tokyo OSH Center, Japan
14:57-15:09	<i>CAW Asbestos Action</i> - Sari Sairanen, National Health and Safety Director, Canadian Autoworkers Union, Canada
15:09-15:21	<i>CFMEU Training on Asbestos Hazards, Agreements, Campaigning</i> - Pat Preston, CFMEU, Australia
15:21-15:33	<i>Challenges of Retired Asbestos Workers</i> -Mr. Hiroyuki Kawamoto, Kanagawa OSH Centre, Japan
15:33-16:15	Open Forum

<p>14:15 - 16:15</p> <p>14:15- 14:25</p> <p>14:25-14:40</p> <p>14:40-14:55</p> <p>14:55- 15:10</p> <p>15:10-15:25</p> <p>15:25-15:40</p> <p>15:40-15:55</p> <p>15:55-16:15</p>	<p>Workshop 2 – Medical Session Venue: Tai Po Room, Suite 1, 2nd Floor Moderators: Professors Domyung Paek & Naomi Hisanaga</p> <p><i>Introduction</i> – Prof. Domyung Paek, Seoul National University</p> <p><i>Pathological Diagnosis of Asbestos-Related Diseases</i> – Professor Koukhi Inai, Hiroshima University, Japan</p> <p><i>Asbestosis among Ex-asbestos Workers of a Mumbai Asbestos Factory: A Prevalence Study</i> – Dr Archana Kakade, Occupational Health Consultant (OHSC), Mumbai, India</p> <p><i>Environmental Fallout from Asbestos Pollution in Korea - Asbestosis Epidemics from Neighborhood Exposure in Chungnam Provinces, Korea</i> - Dr Yeon-Soon Ahn, Department of Occupational Medicine, Dongguk College of Medicine, Goyang, Korea</p> <p><i>Asbestos-related lung cancer in Japanese construction workers</i> – Professor Naomi Hisanaga, Aichi University of Education, Japan</p> <p><i>The Latest Data on Mesothelioma Diagnosis and Treatment</i> – Professor Bruce Robinson, National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases (NCARD), Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth, Australia</p> <p><i>Case Study: Asbestosis in the Aftermath of Cyclone Tracy</i> - Dr. Gregory Deleuil, Medical Advisor to the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia, Perth, Australia</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>14:15 - 16:15</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>16:15 - 16:30</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>
<p>16:30- 18:45</p>	<p>Break-Out Session 2 – Building the Ban Asbestos Asian Network Venue: The Forum, 1st Floor Moderator- Choi Yeyong, Ban Asbestos Korea (BANKO), Korea</p>

<p>16:30- 18:45</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>16:30-16:45</p>	<p><i>Case Study: Post-disaster Recovery and the Problem of Asbestos</i> – Dave Hodgkin, Environmental Housing & Emergency Shelter Consultant, Benchmark Consulting, Indonesia</p>
<p>16:45-17:00</p>	<p><i>Case Study: ESB Experience of Remediating Asbestos Contaminated Land</i> – Patrick J. Colman, The Irish Electricity Supply Board, Ireland</p>
<p>17:00-17:15</p>	<p><i>A Holistic Approach to Managing Asbestos Hazards</i> - Andy Oberta, The Environmental Consultancy, USA</p>
<p>17:15-17:30</p>	<p><i>"The Art of Applying Science to Asbestos Abatement:" A Moral Obligation to Minimize Exposure While Maintaining Costs</i> - Vincent J. Brennan, University of Vermont, USA</p>
<p>17:30-17:45</p>	<p><i>Asbestos Removal in a Subway Station During Operation</i> – Heinz Kropiunik, AETAS Ziviltechniker GmbH, Austria</p>
<p>17:45-18:00</p>	<p><i>Development of Asbestos-free Roofing Materials in China</i> – Dr. Lin Zhen, Elkem Materials, Beijing, China</p>
<p>18:00-18:15</p>	<p><i>Technology and Equipment for Production of Non-asbestos Corrugated Cement Sheets in Vietnam</i> - Nguyen Dinh Kien, Institute of Mechanics, Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology, Vietnam</p>
<p>18:15-18:45</p>	<p>Discussion</p>
<p>18:45</p>	<p>End of Day 1</p>

27th April, 2009

Morning Session

Venue: The Forum, 1st Floor

9:00-11:15	Plenary Session 3 – Country Reports Moderator - Apo Leong, Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong
9:00- 9:10	<i>India</i> - Madhumita Dutta, Corporate Accountability - The Other Media, India
9:10-9:20	<i>Bangladesh</i> - Saki Rizwana, Chairperson, Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation, Bangladesh
9:20-9:30	<i>Sri Lanka</i> - Dr. Hemantha Wickramatillake, Director General, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Ministry of Labour Relations, Sri Lanka
9:30-9:40	<i>Philippines</i> - Gerard Seno, National Vice President, Associated Labour Unions-Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (ALU-TUCP), BWI, Philippines
9:40-9:50	<i>Pakistan</i> – Dr. Noor Jehan , Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Peshawar, Pakistan
9:50-10:00	<i>Indonesia</i> – Muthamad Darisman, Sedane Labour Resource Centre, Indonesia
10:00-10:10	<i>Hong Kong</i> - Trevor Sun, Workers' Health Centre, Hong Kong
10:10-10:20	<i>Malaysia</i> - Mr Matdiah Mohd, Malaysian Trades Union Congress, Malaysia
10:20-11:15	Discussion
11:15-11:30	Tea Break
11:30-13:00	Plenary Session 4 – Meeting the Needs of Asbestos Victims Moderator: Sugio Furuya, BANJAN, Japan
11:30-11:45	<i>Compensation for Asbestos Disease in New South Wales, Australia</i> - Judge John L. O'Meally, President, Dust Diseases Tribunal of New South Wales, Australia
11:45-11:57	Japan Association of Mesothelioma, Asbestos-Related Disease

11:57-12:12	Victims and Their Families - Ms. Kazumi Yoshizaki
12:12-12:24	Ban Asbestos Network Korea - Mr. Park Young-Koo , BANKO
12:24-12:36	Hong Kong Victim
12:36-13:00	<i>Asbestos in Talc baby powder - social awakening experience of Korea</i> - Dr Yeon-Soon Ahn, Department of Occupational Medicine, Dongguk College of Medicine, Goyang, Korea
12:36-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch Venue: Riverside Ballroom, 1 st Floor
Afternoon Session	
14:00-15:30	Workshop 4 – International Transfer of Asbestos Industry to Asian Locations Venue: The Forum, 1st Floor Moderator – Barry Castleman, Environmental Consultant, USA
14:00-14:15	<i>Case Report of the International Trade of the Asbestos Industry in Asia</i> - Professor Takehiko Murayama, Waseda University, Japan
14:15-14:45	<i>Joint Case Study: Exposure Survey of Nichias Textile Factories in Japan, Korea and Indonesia</i> - Dr Dong-Mug Kang, Pusan University, Korea, Dr. Zulmiar Yanri, Indonesia , Choi Yeyong, BANKO, Korea
14:45-15:00	<i>Asbestos Claims against an Australian Multinational – The James Hardie Experience</i> - Ms. Maria McGarvie, Slater & Gordon, Australia
15:00-15:15	<i>Brazilian Asbestos Exports to Asia</i> - Fernanda Giannasi, Coordinator of the Virtual Citizen Network for the Ban of Asbestos in Latin America and Founding Member of ABREA, Brazil
15:15-15:30	Discussion
15:30- 16:00	Tea Break
14:00-15:30	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)

14:00- 14:15	<i>Organizing Migrant Ship breaking workers in India - An unique experience - Sudershan Rao Sarde, Director IMF, South Asian Regional Office, India</i>
14:15-14:30	<i>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</i>
14:30-14:45	<i>Shipbuilding-mesothelioma in Europe and in Asia - Dr. Claudio Bianchi, Center for the Study of Environmental Cancer, Italian League Against Cancer, Monfalcone, Italy</i>
14:45-15:00	<i>Asbestos in Rail Vehicles – A Case Study in How Not to Scrap Asbestos-Contaminated Rail Vehicles – Heinz Kropiunik, aetas Ziviltechniker GmbH, Austria</i>
15:00-15:30	Discussion
15:30-15:45	Tea Break
15:45 - 17:45	Plenary Session 5 – Building the Global Ban Asbestos Network Venue: The Forum, 1st Floor Moderator - Laurie Kazan-Allen, Coordinator, International Ban Asbestos Secretariat, UK
15:45-16:00	<i>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</i>
16:00-16:15	<i>Mobilisation of European Action on Asbestos - Dr. Annie Thebaud-Mony, Director of Research, National Institute of Health and Medical Research, France</i>
16:15-16:30	<i>Ban Asbestos Mobilisation in Korea - Choi Yeyong, Ban Asbestos Network of Korea (BANKO), Korea</i>
16:30-16:45	<i>Building a Grassroots Asbestos Victims' Organization in North America - Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Asbestos Diseases Awareness Organization, USA</i>
16:45-17:00	<i>Grassroots Strengthening and Building of Grassroots Agencies in Asia – Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong</i>
17:00-17:15	<i>International Protocols, Rotterdam Convention, World Bank – Dr. Barry</i>

17:15-17:45	Castleman, Environmental Consultant, USA Open Forum
17:45- 18:45	<p>Plenary Session 6 – Going Forward: Consolidation and Closing Session</p> <p>Moderator: Sanjiv Pandita, Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Hong Kong Declaration</i> - Elizabeth Tang, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Launch of Asian Ban Asbestos Network (A-BAN)</i></p> <p><i>Awards Ceremony</i> – Presentation of IBAS Grassroots Bursaries: by Laurie Kazan-Allen and Chan Kam-hong</p> <p>Presentation of The Henri Pezerat Memorial Award 2009 - Dr. Annie Thebaud-Mony</p> <p><i>Closing Speech</i>- Apo Leong, Asia Monitor Resource Centre, Hong Kong</p>
<p>28th April, 2009</p> <p><i>Morning Session</i></p>	
10:00	International Workers’ Memorial Day, Chater Garden, Central, Hong Kong Island