

## AGENDA

28<sup>th</sup> April 2008, NIOSH Malaysia

1.00 – 2.30 pm	World OSH Day Expression - 'Graffiti yourself on banner'	Round Lobby
2.30 – 3.00 pm	- OSH Day Vow - Opening Ceremony by Ir. Haji Amir bin Haji Yahya, Executive Director, NIOSH Malaysia	Round Lobby
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Forum on 'Realising My Life, My Work, My Safe Work'. Moderator: NIOSH. Panel: DOSH, PERKESO & MEF	Theatrette
4.00 – 4.30 pm	Tea Break	OSH Garden Café
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Relaxation Therapy	OSH Exhibition Center

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**

### REPLY SLIP

Yes, register me for this event!

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International Labour  
Organization (ILO)

# World Day for Safety and Health at Work

## **'My Life, My Work, My Safe Work: Managing Risk in the Work Environment'**

Invitation to an Awareness Raising  
Activity at NIOSH Malaysia  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2008



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## BACKGROUND

The concept of having a World Day for Safety and Health at Work is rooted in the Workers Memorial Day, which was started by American and Canadian workers in 1989 in order to commemorate dead and injured workers annually on 28 April.

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and Global Union Federations made this into a global event, expanding its scope to embrace the notion of sustainable work and workplaces. The International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers is now observed in over one hundred countries.

## REMEMBRANCE

On World Day for Safety and Health at Work, governments, employers' and workers' organizations are encouraged to conduct awareness-raising activities within their areas of influence on the theme of accident and ill-health prevention.

Meanwhile, everyone engaged in the world is encouraged to consider their working practices and to identify whether preventative action could avoid injuries and ill health, not only on 28 April but throughout the year.

## 28 April 2008, Theme: **My Life, My Work, My Safe Work: Managing Risk in the Work Environment**

In 2005, the International Labour Office (ILO) estimated that globally that 2.2 million people die annually from work related accidents and diseases. And occupationally related deaths appear to be on the rise. Moreover, each year there are an estimated 270 million non-fatal work related accident (each resulting in at least 3 days 'absence from work') as well as 160 million new cases of work related diseases.

Occupational safety and health is of worldwide concern to the government, employers, workers and their families. While some industries inherently more hazardous than others, group such as migrant or other marginalized workers are often more at risk of experiencing work related accidents and ill health since poverty frequently forces them into unsafe occupation.

Work related accidents and ill health place intolerable human and economic burdens on workers and their families as well as on enterprises and on society as a whole. The ILO recently estimated that the global economic cost of work related accidents and diseases amount to the equivalent of 4% of the world's gross domestic product – more than 20 times that of the official development assistance. Conversely, there is clear evidence that healthy of workforce both enhance business productivity and benefit enterprises and national economics by reducing the number of accidents and diseases and lowering the number of insurance and compensation claims.

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safe/work/worldday/index.htm>