

## Report on Session in China

Mr. Huang Yi, in his speech, introduced the latest policies and programmes on work safety in China. In addition, he highlighted the challenges and gaps of work safety in China compared with other developed countries. He mentioned that the State Council has designated the year 2008 as "Hazards Control Year," which consists of a nationwide campaign to take control of measures to decrease the hazards identified during last year's campaign.

In her speech, Ms. Thomas expressed her appreciation to the State Administration of Work Safety, the All China Federation of Trade Unions and the China Enterprise Confederation, for their support and commitment to this annual event. She concluded that "the OSH journey never ends as the nature of work is constantly evolving and inherent risks exist everywhere. We must be always vigilant to ensure our safety and health standards and practices remain relevant and continuously improving."

Mr. Wang from ACFTU introduced the ACFTU programmes and practices designed to help its members control hazards and risks at the workplace. These programmes include the promotion of chemical information cards and supervision checklists in some hazardous sectors as well as trade unions' active participation in workplace occupational safety and health (OSH) improvements in SMEs in Zhejiang Province.

Mr. Li Mingxing from the CEC highlighted the fact that OSH is an integral part of corporate social responsibility and can contribute to enterprises' productivity and sustainability. He expressed that the CEC will continue its efforts to help its member enterprises improve OSH performance through advocacy, CRS programmes and international cooperation on OSH specific training activities.

The Session invited three resource persons to make presentations on risk assessment and management. They were Mr. Wu Zhigang (President of Xuzhou Coal Mine Group), Mr. Han Dezhi (HSE Manager of BP China Corporation) and Mr. Kenji Tsunekawa (CTA of Sino-Japan Project on Work Safety.)

Mr. Wu introduced his Group's systematic approach and practices designed to establish a safe and healthy coal mine in China. This approach and practices have been compiled into a publication that was distributed to participants yesterday. Mr. Han introduced BP's safety culture and experiences in risk assessment and control. Mr. Kenji Tsunekawa introduced Japan's regulatory framework on risk assessment and his project contribution to efforts such as introduction of Zero Accident Movement, KYT training and 4S into China.