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**NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON RECORDING AND NOTIFICATION OF
OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS AND DISEASES
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International Labour Organisation,

SHENA Senior Management Team,

Distinguished guests and participants

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Salam Sejahtera and a Very Good Morning...



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It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this National Workshop on Recording and Notification of Occupational Accidents and Diseases.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today marks a significant step towards enhancing our nation's OSH standards as we utilize this vital forum in recognizing the importance of creating a safe and healthy working environment for all employees.

The impact of occupational accidents and diseases is multi-layered and multi-faceted. Accidents and illnesses at workplace events not only cause physical and emotional suffering to the individual but may also impose a significant financial burden on families. Moreover, occupational accidents and diseases can have devastating effects on businesses. Lost productivity due to illness or injury, increased insurance premiums, and liabilities can all contribute to substantial financial losses. In addition, such incidents can negatively impact a company's reputation and significantly reduce public trust, especially in the age of pervasive social media.

In 2023, according to statistics compiled by the Ministry of Manpower of Singapore, Singapore had reported a total of 13,014 occupational accidents, which amounted to 156,168 lost workdays for the year. The total estimated



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financial cost of those lost workdays was approximately \$1.4 billion Brunei dollars. The economic and social impacts are significant if occupational accidents and disease are left unchecked.

Implementing a robust system for recording and notifying workplace incidents is crucial for reducing or mitigating these risks. By promptly notifying and documenting accidents and diseases, we can identify patterns, analyze root causes, and implement targeted prevention measures as well as ensuring compliance with the requirement under the Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) Regulations, 2014. This proactive approach can help to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. Furthermore, a well-functioning notification system can ensure that affected workers receive timely medical attention and support towards recovery.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Adequately addressing occupational accidents and diseases requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach that includes building an effective system for recording and notifying incidents. By taking proactive measures to prevent these events and providing appropriate support to those affected, we can create safer and healthier workplaces, ultimately benefiting individuals, businesses, and our community.



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I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to Dr Yuka Ujita and the International Labour Organization for their invaluable support in supporting and lending her expertise to this workshop. Their guidance will greatly contribute to the success of our efforts.

I also commend the Occupational Health Division of the Ministry of Health, the Department of Labour of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Brunei Insurance and Takaful Association for their commitment to occupational safety and health. Their participation in this workshop demonstrates that creating a safer and healthier workplace environment for all is very much a collective and continuous effort.

I encourage all participants to actively engage in the discussions and workshops today. Your insights and contributions will be invaluable as we work together to improve our systems for recording and notifying occupational accidents and diseases.

Thank you, and I wish you all a productive and fruitful workshop.

Wabillahi taufik wal hidayah

wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

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