



A bi-weekly publication informative of current safety activities and developments taking place in the countries participating in the Extrabudgetary Programme (EBP) on the Safety of Nuclear Installations in South-East Asia, Pacific and Far East Countries

Workshop on Public Communication Programme Establishment and Management of NPP Projects
Wuhan, China, 23-27 November 2009

Twenty-five participants from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam with an the IAEA staff member and three external experts from USA and UK participated in this workshop hosted by the Research Institute of Nuclear Power Operation (RINPO) in China. The objective of this workshop was to exchange information and to improve skills for communicating nuclear safety issues to the public and the media. The workshop was constructed as a good balance of presentations and practical exercises. External experts and the IAEA staff member gave presentations on various themes including message development, principles of nuclear communication in normal and crisis situation and communicating risk.



The second part of the workshop was focussed on practical exercises. The participants were divided into four groups and prepared and conducted a press conference, a public meeting and a TV discussion. All the events were video taped and a very open and deep discussion took place after the playback of each video taped including evaluation of each particular group. In addition a personal feedback was given to all the

participants. This practical exercise was very useful and effective to improve the skills of communicating nuclear safety issues. Finally, there was time for participants' presentations and exchanges of practices in different countries.

Workshop on Experience in Building up Competence in Nuclear Safety for Countries embarking on Nuclear Power
Tokyo, Japan, 8-11 December 2009

This workshop was hosted by Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization (JNES) and attended by twelve participants from eight ANSN member countries and an IAEA staff member and two external experts from France and USA. The purpose of the workshop was to help ANSN member countries to develop effective nuclear safety infrastructure for their nuclear power programmes. After welcoming remarks from the host organization, the external expert from USA and the IAEA staff member introduced the relevant IAEA activities and documents in support of nuclear safety infrastructure development. The experiences of capacity building of human resources in the nuclear power programmes were presented by the external expert from France and participants from China, Japan and Korea. Participants from those countries that are planning to introduce nuclear power plants, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam described their current infrastructures for nuclear safety and training.

All the participants agreed on the value of sharing information and experience, particularly on the education and training systems of other countries. They also found that the masters' degrees and training materials currently offered by Japan, Korea, European countries and the IAEA are valuable. And they shared a view that the process of Systematic Approach to Training (SAT) and Training Needs Assessment (TNA) was very



useful, and the top-down approach to analyze the needs of competence building could be applied for the analysis at the level of divisions.



A number of suggestions for the future work of the Topical Group on Education and Training (E&TTG) were drawn out as a result of this workshop. The participants identified the need of

setting up an E&TTG peer review mechanism amongst the ANSN member countries. They found it desirable that the IAEA conclusions from various workshops involving countries embarking on nuclear power programmes were informed to the ANSN member countries. They suggested that the use of a harmonized syllabus for the Basic Professional Training Course (BPTC) should be continued in this region and the training materials and e-learning capabilities of the ANSN needed to be improved. They also suggested that the further effort should be made for improving the communication of the ANSN activities and available materials in the region and that this kind of workshop should be also offered to the middle and junior staff.

Recent and forthcoming ANSN activities and other IAEA activities in Asia:

Workshop on Public Communication Programme Establishment and Management of NPP projects

China, 23-27 November 2009

Workshop on Periodic Safety Review of Research Reactors

Bangkok, Thailand, 30 November-4 December 2009

Workshop on Experience in building up Competence in Nuclear Safety for Countries embarking on Nuclear Power

Tokyo, Japan, 8-12 December 2009

Workshop on Commissioning Preparation and Management and Annual Meeting of the Topical Group on Operational Safety (OSTG)

China, 18-22 January 2010

Task Group on Safety Analysis (SATG) Consultancy Meeting to develop IAEA Guidance on Verification and Validation of Computational Tools in Safety Analysis

Vienna, IAEA, 18-22 January 2010

The knowledge gained through the implementation of the ANSN activities is being progressively uploaded in the Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) knowledge base and can be accessed at <http://www.ansn.org>

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