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INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL DISASTERS-SAFETY AND SECURITY CONFERENCE 22-23 JANUARY 2015

Gujarat National Law University is organising an international conference on the “Best Practices: Medium and Small Scale Chemical Industry Disaster Management and Promotion of Safety and Security Legal and Regulatory Standards” on 22 and 23 January 2015 at GNLU, Gandhinagar (Gujarat), India. The Conference is organised in collaboration with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons – Nobel Peace Recipient 2013, the Industrial Extension Bureau (INDEXTb) and the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), Government of Gujarat.

The Conference is part of the post-Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015 and will be inaugurated by Mr Saurabh Patel, Minister for Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Industry and Mines, Government of Gujarat, Dr G. S. Sandhu, National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, Dr Ajay Vara Prasad, Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Mr Kumaresh Mishra, Head of International Cooperation Branch, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Hague, the Netherlands.

The main aims of the conference are; to discuss evolving best legal and regulatory framework aspects on the chemical safety management in the Western Europe, North America, Japan and other industrial nations of Asia-Pacific; to analyse existing legal, policy and regulatory framework on chemical safety and disaster prevention management in India and developing countries; to prepare a draft model chemical safety and disaster prevention manual for medium and small scale chemical industry, to exchange knowledge on best practices observed by leading chemical industrial nations and to understand the legislative requirements related to safe chemical handling to prevent workplace accidents. The conference will bring chemical industry associations, disaster management institutions and authorities, experts, senior officials from the regulatory authorities and relevant government departments, researchers and academicians from various countries.

For more information and registration, please contact iccidm@gnlu.ac.in or visit GNLU website: www.gnlu.ac.in



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International Conference Small and Medium Scale Chemical Industry Disaster Management and Chemical Safety and Security Legal and Regulatory Framework

Thursday, 22 January 2015

PROGRAM

Inauguration (0930-1100 Hrs)

Welcome Address, Professor (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Director, GNLU

Guest of Honor Address: Mr Kumaresh Misra, Head, International Cooperation Branch, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Hague, the Netherlands

Guest of Honor Address: Dr Ajay Vara Prasad, Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Government of India

Distinguished Guest of Honor Address: Dr G. S. Sandhu, Chairman, National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention, Government of India

Statement of H. E. Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Hague, the Netherlands

Chief Guest Address: Mr Saurabh Patel, Hon'ble Minister, Industry and Petrochemicals, Gujarat

1115 - 1300 hours
Chemical Safety and Security: Best Practices

Keynote addresses

- Ms Anju Sharma, Principal Secretary & Chief Executive Officer, Gujarat State Management Disaster Authority
- Mr Ravi Kapoor, Vice-President, Indian Chemical Council

Panelists

- Mr David MOORE, President & CEO, AcuTech Consulting Group, USA
- Noor Hafizie SULKAFLE, Department of Occupational Safety and Health, Malaysia
- Col. H. R. NAIDU GADE, former OPCW Team Leader, National Response Plan in Managing Chemical Industry Disasters

1300-1400 lunch break



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1400-1530 hours

**Chemical Disaster Management: Prevention, Control and Remedies
Concepts, Policy and Operations: Macro and Micro Perspectives of Authorities and Industry**

- Dr. Caner ZANBAK, Environmental Adviser, Turkey - *Chemical Industry safety and security – Turkey practice and experience*
- Mr Enrique DE LA GARZA, Former OPCW Team Leader, Mexico - *Chemical Industry safety and security – Mexican practice and experience*
- Dr. Rakesh DUBEY, Director, Disaster Management Institute (Bhopal), India, - Certification of Disaster Management Plans to ensure Zero Tolerance, India

1530-1545 tea break

1545-1630 Hours

Latest developments and future plans: chemical disaster management and promotion of safety and security

- Mr Krishna LUHAR & Mr Anand KANE and Mr Pankaj PUJARA, Former OPCW Team Leaders, India
- Mr A.U.Vekariya, Assistant Director (Chemical), Director, Industrial Safety and Health, Government of Gujarat
- Deputy Comdt G. S. Negi, NDRF, Role and Duties of NDRF during Disasters
- Dr Akshai AGGARWAL, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University and Mr Jaimin VASA, Gujarat Technological University

1630-1645 hours tea break

Closing Session

Distinguished Guest of Honour: Mr Atanu Chakraborty, Principal Secretary, Industry and Chemicals, Government of Gujarat

1800 hours Visit to Mahatma Mandir and Akshar Dham

2000 hours Dinner

Friday, 23 January 2015

1000-1200 hours

**Chemical Safety and Security Legal and Regulatory Code for Small and Medium Scale Chemical Industry
Open Discussion**

Videos on Chemical Safety Board and Group Interactions

Panellists: Mr Kumaresh Misra, David Moore, Bimal Patel.

1215 – 1300 hours

**Concluding Remarks by Professor (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, GNLU Director
Mr Kumaresh Mishra, Head, International Cooperation Branch, OPCW, the Hague, the Netherlands**

Vote of thanks: Dr Thomas Mathew, GNLU Registrar (I/C)