

3rd Fire Safety Convention & Award 2012

Fire safety is top priority for government after Baldia Town incident: Administrator KMC

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Fire Protection Association Pakistan & National Forum for Environment hold 3rd Fire Safety Convention at local hotel. Administrator KMC Mohammad Hussain Syed along with Secretary FPAP Tariq Moin, President NFEH Naeem Qureshi, Engr Nadeem Ashraf, Ruqiya Naeem and 29 award holders from commerce & Industries are seen in the picture.

The Sindh government officials, Governor Sindh Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ibad and Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) have been giving special attention to improve the fire safety measures in Karachi especially after the disaster in Baldia Town factory that claimed the lives of over 300 workers in ruthless fire.

The KMC Administrator, M. Hussain Syed, said this while delivering a keynote address as the Chief Guest at the "3rd Fire & Safety Convention and Awards 2012" at a local hotel here.

In his address, he said that all the concerned departments are jointly making improved efforts to avert incidents like Baldia Town as they know the importance of a human life. However, he mentioned, laymen also have to play their role as far as fire safety and prevention is concerned. Syed pointed out that fire disasters occur when we show carelessness and do not follow standard procedures about fire safety measures which he termed as the foremost cause of fire incidents.

"Effective Disaster Management

should be the first priority for a city like Karachi and fire is the top risk for this city citing its increasing population and construction activities being done at different areas in the metropolitan," he said.

He urged for more focus on fire safety and prevention measures in Karachi from people of all walks of life - from a top government official to a common man.

KMC Administrator expressed his concerns over the behavior of industrialists as they neither insure their assets nor workers besides not installing proper firefighting system in their factories and industries which pose a serious threat of financial and human loss. "People don't give attention to fire safety which is a negative mindset. They should install firefighting systems and smoke detectors at their factories as well as houses to avert any serious mishap as this is the demand of ethics and refined cultural society where everyone considers the safety of others as a top priority," he added.

He admitted that there is a lack in

implementation of fire laws but, he added, government is working vigorously to make effective fire laws and implement them in true letter and spirit. Syed also showed his concerns over the lack of resources and disorganization in the fire brigade department as there are only 32 firefighting vehicles for the whole city of Karachi which is highly insufficient. Nonetheless, he announced, six new firefighting vehicles are going to add into the system till January which would minimize difficulties of fire brigade up to some extent.

He highlighted that government is pondering over establishment of an independent board to deal with safety issues in Karachi that will be headed by professionals and industry experts. A large number of fire safety professionals, NGO, representative of corporate sector attended the convention from all over Pakistan and represented their organizations and motivated participants to give special attention to fire safety measures in industrial units. Many experts including, MD Hassen Habib - Fawad Ateeq



Administrator KMC, M. Hussain Syed, President KCCI Haroon Agar, Kalim Siddiqui, M. Imran, Zubair Chahya, Hussain Sabz Ali, Naeem Qureshi, Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Dr. Fahmeeda Khatoon, Kazim Ali and Rizwan Jaffar and others are addressing at 3rd Fire & Safety Convention

Bari, Secretary FPAP - Tariq Moin, President FPAP Farhat Hussain, President NFEH - Naeem Qureshi, Chairman KATI - Zubair Chaya, Chairman SITE Dr. Arshad Vohra, CFO KMC - Kazim Ali, COO Martin Dow Pharma - Munir Anwar, Sameer Ahmed, M. Imran Hussain, Sabz Ali, and others, also addressed the convention and highlighted the motive of convention as an awareness campaign at all levels to enhance the sense of responsibility towards fire safety among masses. They also

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Tariq Moeen, Fawad bari, Dr. Arshad Vohra and Naeem Qureshi are seen in the panel discussion of 3rd Fire & Safety Convention



shared significant information and experiences to train the fire safety professionals and polish their skills.

The Chief Guest presented awards to the representatives of 29 different industrial units as an acknowledgement to their efforts and measures they have taken to ensure safety of their workers and assets alike at their units. The following companies were awarded fire safety excellence award.

tional Container Terminal Ltd, Pakistan Oilfields Ltd, Pakistan Security Printing Corporation Pvt Ltd, Security Papers Limited, Shan Foods Pvt Ltd, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd, Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd, Syngenta Pakistan Ltd, Tetra Pak Pakistan Ltd, Total Oil Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd, Yunus Textile Mills Ltd.

President NFEH - Naeem Qureshi concluded the convention by presenting token of thanks to the chief guest and speakers for encouraging the participants and highlighting the importance of fire safety. ■



Administrator KMC, M. Hussain Syed visits stall of various fire equipment companies during 3rd Fire & Safety Convention

Award Recipients of 2nd Fire Safety Awards 2012



Faisal Mubeen Ganatra
Shan Foods



Kazim Ali
KMC



Syed Asif Masood
Clariant Pakistan



Khalid Nadeem
KESC



Fawad Atiq Bari
Haseen Habib



Hussain Sabz Ali
Habib Bank



M. Qasim Jawad
GlaxoSmithKline



Anwer Mehmood
Fauji Fertilizer



M Ali Qureshi
Fatima Fertilizer



Shahid Nadeem
Engro Powergen



Farhan Abdullah
Dr. Essa Lab



Qazi Yasiruddin
Tetra Pak



Fayaz Merchant
SSGC

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A Razaq Sangharni
Envirograf



Mustafa Ahmed
Packages



Mumtaz Muhammad Khan
Yunus Textile



Danish Ansari
Total Oil



Farukh Majeed
SNGPL



Azmat Ali
Abbot



M. Ali Nizami
Security Papers



Maj. (r) A. Masood
Security Printing



Rashid Mehmood
POL



Saud ur Rehman
PICT



Rahim Yar Khan
PIA



Asghar Shahee
Gardezi
PARCO



A. Sattar Qaimkhani
Adamjee Ins.



Tariq Mehdi
Lotte Pakistan