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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The 23rd MSNT AGM will be held on 18th April 2012 at Nilai Spring Resort, Nilai, Negri Sembilan. Opportunity for all members to propose amendment to constitution and to elect new members of Board of Director. Spare a little of your time and bring changes to the Society

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MSNT PRESIDENT AT THE NUCLEAR SECURITY CONFERENCE IN BOHOL, PHILLIPINES, 16-17 JANUARY 2012

Security of radioactive materials including those used for industrial radiography purpose has been recognized as a global issue that needs to be resolved by the world community. For this reason, the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) has organized a special workshop entitled "Sharing best practices for enhancing the security of high activity radioactive sources" in resort Island of Bohol, Phillippines. MSNT President, Dr. Abd. Nassir Ibrahim together with 3 others from Malaysia has been invited to represent the view of members of NDT community regarding the role that the Society can play to enhance the security of radiography sources. These views have been presented on the second day of the conference in his paper entitled "The Role of Professional Societies for Enhancing Security of Radioactive Material". Lessons gain from this conference will certainly be useful for helping the relevant authority in Malaysia to formulate a program toward enhancing the security of radioactive materials in this country. MSNT once again thanks WINS for inviting our representative for this prestigious workshop.



Workshop participants taking a photograph at the front of the workshop venues.



Presidents of various NGOs from the Phillippines, Malaysia and United Kingdom.

MSNT WISH A HAPPY RETIREMENT TO 3 NDT STRONGMEN

Three Malaysian NDT strongmen namely Dr. Khazali Mohd Zin (formerly with SIRIM), Dr. Abd. Razak Hamzah (formerly from Malaysian Nuclear Agency) and Dr. Azali Mohamad (also from Malaysian Nuclear Agency) have reached their retirement. MSNT members wish all of them a very happy retirement. We hope that their retirement will bring positive impact to MSNT. With their retirement MSNT believes that these three experts who are also members of various MSNT committees will have more time to spend with the society. The Society has also carried out a number of discussions, trying to find the best way of utilizing their expertise for the benefit of Malaysian members of NDT Community.



Dr. Khazali Mohd Zin (sitting second from the left), Dr. Abd. Razak Hamzah (standing third from the left) and Dr. Azali Muhamad (standing fifth from the left) in one of the event organized by the National Certification Body. MSNT thanks you for all your contribution to members of NDT community.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NEW RULING ON THE APPROVAL OF RADIOGRAPHY OPERATOR AND RPO BY AELB



Members of RPO Certification Committee under the Atomic Energy Licensing Board expressed their concern about the level of radiation safety among industrial radiographers in Malaysia.

Safety and security in industrial radiography has always been considered as the most important issues by the Atomic Energy Licensing Board. It was quite discouraging to find out that every year from 1984 to 2011 industrial radiographers absorbed more radiation as compared with other group of radiation workers. Reliable source from the Board indicated that some gradual changes related to the approval of operator and RPO may have to be introduced as a part of efforts to improve the level of safety to industrial radiographers. MSNT members are advised to follow the development from time to time to ensure that they have the most updated information regarding this matter.

MINISTER PRAISES THE EFFORT OF SCIENTISTS IN DEVELOPING GAMMA SCORPION

The Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation praised the efforts taken by scientists under his ministry in developing new products that have potential for commercialization. This was expressed by the Minister, Y.B. Datuk Maximus Johnity Ongkili in his AMANAT TAHUN BARU (New Year Message) held at the Malaysian Nuclear Agency on 30th January 2012. After the assembly the honourable Minister has visited the exhibition gallery where some RND products including GAMMA SCORPION were displayed. GAMMA SCORPION is a nuclear technology based NDT system that is capable of detecting ganoderma in Palm Oil trees.



YB Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation spend some time with local scientists getting detail explanation about GAMMA SCORPION.