

From 20 to 31 October, Michael Elkin, SCORE Global Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) visited China, met with partners in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Chongqing, Chengdu and Beijing, and visited pilot factories. This issue includes Mr. Elkin's observations and comments on his recent mission to China.

The Latest SCORE News

Deyang: Module 5 training and recruiting new trainers and enterprises

From 2 to 3 September, the training of enterprises (ToE) on Module 5 "Safety and health at work: a platform for productivity" was organized for the first batch of enterprises. Two module experts Mr. Chen Xiaotong and Mr. Wang Yuhang jointly delivered the training. Recruitment of the second batch of trainers and enterprises was also completed in October 2014.

Guangzhou: A new round of ToT

To better meet increasing demands for SCORE training from international supply chains, a new round of training of trainers (ToT) was organized in Guangzhou from 8 to 11 October. Trainers from three service providers – TUV Rheinland, TUV Nord and New Asia Solutions participated in the ToT on Module 1.

Beijing: 6th SCORE China National Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

On 30 October, the 6th NTAC meeting was held in Beijing. Representatives from CEC, SAWS, MOHRSS, CNTAC, Swiss Embassy and Norwegian Embassy together with the ILO jointly reviewed the project progress and discussed SCORE activities in the following months.

Guangzhou: The first license agreement with TUV-Rheinland China to offer SCORE Training

On 21 October, ILO signed the first license agreement with TUV-Rheinland China to offer SCORE training. TUV Rheinland is currently conducting SCORE training to factories in Guangdong, and plans to rapidly expand the SCORE offering in the next few months.



Chengdu: ILO/SAWS Workshop on OSH Inspection Capacity Building and SCORE TOT Training

The ILO/SAWS Workshop on OSH Inspection Capacity Building and SCORE TOT Training was held in Chengdu from 28 to 30 October. OSH inspectors, SCORE trainers and representatives of SMEs have been trained in 3-day workshop on ILO labour inspection and OSH standards, international experience of OSH inspection in SMEs, and SCORE training modules.

Completion of ILO-BSCI Supplier Training Project

The completion of Module 5 training by Sept. marks the end of pilot ILO-BSCI supplier training. Following the pilot, BSCI will continue offering SCORE training to suppliers of its participants. A new round of training is planned to start in December.

Michael Elkin, SCORE CTA comments on his recent mission



Impressive progress for ILO SCORE in China

In October 2014, I conducted an in-depth review of the ILO SCORE Project in China. China is the first country that introduced SCORE when the approach was introduced to factories in Dalian in 2009. Since then, China has trained 80 factories in Dalian, Chongqing, Chengdu, Guangdong Province and Shanghai. This work to-date has produced very interesting results which I would like to share. In Guangdong, ILO has partnered with the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) and has provided SCORE training on all five modules to four BSCI member supplier factories. This training has been partially funded (50%) by the BSCI corporate member and the supplier factories themselves. This new initiative shows that SCORE



(continued) has strong potential in the corporate social responsibility market and now other players like Ethical Trading Initiative are also participating.

In Chongqing, we have been working closely with the China Enterprise Confederation (CEC) to provide training to local factories. I was able to visit two factories that have shown impressive improvements in their operations driven by the SCORE approach toward workplace cooperation. One factory, Chongqing Jianghua Rubber and Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited was able to make very substantial improvement in the work process that not only boosted productivity but also greatly improved work safety. In the first picture below, we see the cross cut saw that was used in the production process to trim the plastic molding from the part. Under the old process, workers used this tool, on the production line to trim all of the parts. This process was slow, prone to variance and unsafe.

Following the SCORE Workplace Cooperation training approach, the workers presented a suggestion to management to modify the production process. Management approved the suggestion and a new process was instituted along with a new cutting machine (designed by the workers based on their research and built in the shop). The new machine allows for a standard cut that is consistent and accurate. It will not function unless the operator has both hands on the two green buttons. It is very safe and substantially increases productivity on this operation.

My mission to China this October allowed me to see first-hand that the SCORE training is having an important impact at the factory level and also with our key stakeholders. I am very optimistic that we will see further progress in the months to come.



Before

After

The Upcoming Key Activities

Deyang & Taixing: ToE

By the end of 2014, training on Module 1 for the second batch of pilot enterprises will be launched in Deyang and training on Module 2 for the first batch will be organized in Taixing. National CEC is actively looking for a new pilot area to initiate the ToE for the second batch.

Beijing: Expert Trainer Seminar

In December, an expert trainer seminar will be organized in Beijing to share experience and discuss key issues of SCORE

development like training material and ToT.

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam: SCORE Regional Training Workshop for Employers' Organizations

3-4 December, four representatives from national CEC and Chongqing CEC will participate in the regional training workshop for SCORE project partners, in particular, employers' organizations, to discuss with experts from ITC/ILO and employers' organizations from Vietnam, Indonesia and India as how to develop a more integrated approach to reach out to SMEs and deliver SCORE sustainably.

Corporate Social Responsibility Update

A new report on labour protection of interns

In September, the China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC) and the ILO Beijing jointly launched the report on "Labour protection of interns in Chinese textile and apparel enterprises" in Beijing. The findings of the report show that while the vast majority of the interns interviewed considered the internship to be a useful learning experience, a significant proportion worked without adequate legal protection. In some cases, working conditions were found to amount to forced labour as the term is understood in international law. China is currently preparing to ratify ILO forced labour conventions No. 29 and No. 105. Provision of decent work conditions for the interns is a shared responsibility of government, schools and enterprises.

Download the report:

http://www.ilo.org/beijing/what-we-do/publications/WCMS_306624/lang--en/index.htm

