

# AHEC holds site visit for students

**MUSCAT** As part of Al Hassan Group's commitment to a better industry-academic interaction, a group of students and faculty from the International College of Engineering and Management (formerly Fire and Safety Engineering College) paid a visit to the A'Seeb wastewater project site where Al Hassan Engineering Co. SAOG (AHEC) is executing civil works for Hyundai Rotem/Haya Water.

Commenting on the visit, Peter Hall, AHEC CEO, said that the company wants to strengthen the academic - industry interface to help students to understand the linkages in the academic studies that they are undergoing and the requirements of the industry.

Before the visit, the students were provided with extensive information on various aspects of Health Safety and Environment (HSE) by a team comprising of three management members of the company who visited the college.

ZH Farooqui, AHEC civil and water head, spoke on construction of safety practices. He focused on safety precautions to be taken in any civil construction site. The students were quite amazed to see the state of preparedness of the AHEC in terms of taking care of the people, precious resources, and the environment. KC Prabhakaran,



AHEC HSE head, highlighted on the onsite and offsite safety aspects.

The lecture was made interesting by showing investigation records of various RTA (road traffic accidents) and suggesting the remedies. Sanjay Khandagle, Manager - Talent Management, Al Hassan Group, spoke on the topic, 'Moving from a crisis manager to crisis leader'.

He spoke about the physiological preparedness of an individual in terms of handling any eventuality. He highlighted that for effective HSE implementation, a proactive approach was required to envisage eventualities. He stressed on the need to prepare a control and consequence management plan to ensure that incidences do not occur. He also discussed about the competencies required for crisis leaders to handle crisis at any point in time.

All the lectures were

much appreciated by the students and they appreciated AHEC's stellar HSE performance for completing projects without any LTI (Lost Time Incidents).

Later a visit was organised for the final year students and staff of the college to see and learn about the safety preparedness of the AHEC.

It was a practical demonstration given by Farooqui, Prabhakaran and the staff of the A'Seeb wastewater project.

All the students as well as their faculty expressed happiness with the information and knowledge they gained during their visit. Nidal Siddiqui, Coordinator of the industrial visit, said that he valued Al Hassan's cooperation in making this visit a success. He expressed gratitude towards Al Hassan Group's desire to strengthen ties with different educational establishments in the Sultanate.

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