

HSE Award Alert 015

SAFETY IN HEAT AWARDS



A safety in heat competition was organized by OSHAD & Musanada for construction projects. The competition comprised of different award categories. The Emirati Neighbourhood Project at Zayed City, C407 won the best construction project award. The best innovative worker and the best worker award were given to employees from C409 project (Upgrading the road from Al Faya to Al Razeen and Al Quaa). The winners were judged jointly by OSHAD and Musanada. An awarding ceremony was held on 12th Nov at Dusit Thani Hotel, Abu Dhabi. Mr. Mustafa Al Hadithi, Project Manager, Mr. Andrew Merrison, Group Head HSE, Ms. Jolivette Dela Cruz, C407 Project HSE Manager, Mr. Ahmed Hashmet, Construction Manager and Mr. Abdul Raheem, C409 Project HSE Manager were present during the awarding ceremony. The award was handed over by H.E Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohamed Al Hamid, President of the Department of Health, Abu Dhabi.

The temperature during the summer months in UAE goes very high making it difficult to work under direct sun. The Emirati Neighborhood project had complied and implemented all requirements stipulated in OSHAD CoP 11.0 – Safety in Heat procedure. A thorough risk assessment was carried out, specific working in heat program was implemented and appropriate control measures were put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of workers during the summer months. Few of the initiatives from the project included the provision of rest areas, air-conditioned rooms, and cool water bottles. Electrolytes were provided along with regular monitoring of thermal work limits and constant awareness and training were carried out through the utilization of the campaign materials provided by OSHAD.

The workers at C409 project came up with an innovative idea of using umbrella on their safety helmet to provide shade during work. The workers who scored highest in the safety in heat questionnaire were awarded the best worker award.