Visit by Mr Colin Chua and Seminar on the Overview on the Certification of Occupational Health & Safety Professionals Practitioners in Australia

On 16 December 2015, the Office of Safety, Health and Environment hosted Mr. Colin Chua, from the Safety Health & Wellbeing Department of the University of Sydney, to share on an overview about the certification of Generalist OHS Professionals/Practitioners in Australia. He is a Chartered Professional Member of the Safety Institute of Australia, in addition to his formal safety qualifications, skills and experience as a career OHS Professional.

As there are a number of disciplines who provide Work Health Safety (WHS) advice to workplaces. He covered that some of these disciplines already have certification processes in place including ergonomists, hygienists and medical providers. However, Generalist OHS Professionals/Practitioners have lagged behind in implementing a certification scheme to ensure that those providing generalist WHS advice have the right skills, knowledge and qualifications.

He shared that acquiring certification will bring WHS in line with other professions such as accounting and engineering. These certifications will allow the Generalist OHS Profession to take its rightful place as a capable and credible profession.