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Out of 13 NUS teams who won Gold Award for Learning Institutions Quality Conference (LIQC) 2014, 7 teams were selected and invited to participate at International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) 2015 in Changwon, South Korea, which was held from 5th Oct 2015 to 8th Oct 2015. Having clinched Gold Award for LIQC 2014, the OSHE team, 006 Safety Agents, was one of the 7 NUS teams selected to represent NUS and Singapore at the ICQCC 2015. The ICQCC is an annual Asian conference founded for developing and sharing of methods & skills on quality circles and hosted by different countries. There were over 200 competitive presentations from 13 countries at ICQCC 2015. Each team underwent a rigorous 15-minute presentation on their project to a panel of judges from member countries.

Figure 1. NUS teams at ICQCC 2015
Figure 2. ICQCC 2015 industrial and culture booths

Figure 3. ICQCC 2015 Opening Speech by president/CEO of Korean Standards Association, Baek Soohyun
Figure 4. Presentation on “Safer Chemical Transportation” by members of 006 Safety Agents, Dr Lim Cheh Peng and Ms Alicia Huang
006 Safety Agents, represented by Dr. Lim Cheh Peng and Ms. Alicia Huang, emerged as Gold Illumination Award winners for their project entitled, “Safer Chemical Transportation”. It was an eye-opening experience for the team who learnt about quality improvements through keynote speeches and presentations by participants. Participants also developed a deep appreciation for cultures from various nations around the region through the cultural performances by host and participating countries at the opening ceremony and farewell dinner.

Korean Industry Field Trip to Seoul Dairy Cooperatives

The ICQCC 2015 provided opportunities to delegates to participate in one selected plant visit in Korea at the end of the conference. The NUS team visited the Seoul Dairy Cooperatives on 8th Oct 2015 where the participants learnt of the high quality practices being implemented in Korea’s largest dairy company.

Visit to Seoul National University

To learn and benchmark Safety & Health Management System with leading Universities, Dr Lim Cheh Peng and Ms Alicia Huang took the opportunity to visit Seoul National University (SNU) on 12th Oct 2015. The OSHE team was warmly welcomed and hosted by the Institute of Environmental Protection & Safety (IEPS), SNU, under the directorship of Commissioner, Prof. Yong Ho Park.

OSHE team was presented with a detailed overview of the Safety and Health Management in SNU, gaining valuable insights in the areas relating to safety trainings, biological, chemical and radiation safety management, inspections, audits and incident reporting by A/Prof Sung Won Kwon. OSHE reciprocated with a presentation on an overview of the Safety & Health Management in NUS by Dr Lim Cheh Peng.

The visit to a Biosafety Level 2 facility at the College of Pharmacy and a biochemical laboratory at the School of Chemical and Biological Engineering allowed the OSHE team to understand and learn best safety practices implemented in the laboratories. The visit ended with a tour of the beautiful SNU campus.
Figure 10. Tour of SNU’s new and well-equipped safety training room cum safety product exhibition room

Figure 11. SNU campus tour amidst the beautiful autumn leaves. From L to R: Mr Kevin Lanov, Mr Kim Dong-Wook, Mr Yang Ki-Gang, Ms Alicia Huang, Dr Lim Cheh Peng, Ms Kim Ah-Yeong and Mr Lee Jung-Hoon