



WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH AWARDS 2018

Vision for zero harm

The BBR Group is leveraging leading-edge capabilities and technology to elevate workplace safety and health practices



Mr Ho (third from left), with his colleagues (from left), Mr Ilamparithy, Mr Raymond Leong and Mr Bakvam Ismail contribute to the success of workplace safety at BBR Group. PHOTO: CHONG JUN LIANG

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AT THE BBR Group, working in a healthy and safe environment is not a vision or a target, but a mindset.

It believes that the best way to protect its workers is to prevent workplace accidents.

Mr Kelvin Ho, its senior manager for quality, environment, health and safety, says: "Our Vision Zero Harm is a mindset that all injuries and ill health at work can and should be prevented."

"It is important that everyone embraces the same mindset and puts into practice what is learned. We also identify near misses diligently and study safer work methods or procedures, so that everyone can go home safe and healthy every day."

The BBR Group pushes itself to go beyond simply complying with workplace safety and health (WSH) rules.

The company has started tracking near-miss incidents, identifying its root causes and taking preventive measures to ensure safer work processes. By doing so, it is able to take pre-emptive action

before any incidents.

Mr Ho says: "Most importantly, we learn from these "zero-cost" lessons and make improvements continually to make our workplaces safe."

To spread the WSH message, the company even has a roving training and exhibit van to conduct training and set up exhibits at its yard, store and worksites. Known as the BBR Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Roving Training & Exhibit, it focuses on finding solutions to prevent injuries and ill health and to improve the work-life quality of employees.

"We want to inculcate a mindset in our stakeholders that all injuries and ill health at work are preventable and instil a belief that zero harm is achievable in the workplace," says Mr Ho.

Continuous improvement

Set up in 1994, BBR is one of Singapore's leading construction groups with more than 20 years of industry experience, with integrated construction and development portfolios.

Currently, BBR comprises four core business segments spanning across

general construction, specialised engineering, property development and green technology.

At this year's Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Awards, the group won three WSH Performance (Silver) Awards — for Singapore Engineering & Construction, Moderna Homes and BBR Greentech — as well as a Safety and Health Award Recognition for Project (SHARP) Award for The Wisteria & Wisteria Mall.

Mr Ho says winning the awards is testament to the group's continuous efforts to improve and elevate safety standards aligned with best practices, thus inculcating a deep sense of commitment from all stakeholders towards enhancing its safety culture.

"It is also a great way to boost morale and encourage our staff to continue doing their best. The awards are a reflection and an appreciation of the good work that they are doing," he adds.

Levering technology

The BBR Group has also been investing in and leveraging leading edge capabilities to improve the work it does

in construction today and in the future, says Mr Ho.

The group, an early adopter of modular construction in Singapore, has completed four successful Prefabricated Prefinished Volumetric Construction (PPVC) to date.

Moving towards modular construction techniques, such as its own in-house PPVC capabilities, has reduced site works and allow the group to move much of the works off site into safer environments.

Mr Ho says: "We are constantly looking to see how we can do better to reduce risks in our work processes. This is something we consciously and continually work at."

The group has started using a drone to conduct a flyover of the work sites to get an overview of its projects and to check on any safety lapses. It also operates on the principle of "design for safety".

"Design for safety and QR Code are incorporated into our work process with safety management in mind. For every permanent or temporary work we intend to carry out, we will incorporate the design for safety into it," he adds.



The Excellence Award winner in the WSH Awards 2018

Rockwell Automation is proud to be named the Excellence Award winner for the eighth time in the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Awards 2018. This award is in recognition of the health and safety culture that has been nurtured at Rockwell Automation Asia Pacific Business Center Pte Ltd.

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The Rockwell Automation Asia Pacific Business Center Management believes that health & safety is our overriding priority and that a culture of safety can help prevent incidents. A culture of safety is built where senior management always establishes and maintains personal contact with all levels of employees. Employees always speak up and identify Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) concerns in their work areas. Employee participation in the monthly Health & Safety campaigns is a key to this success. The regular "Spot the Hazard" campaign was one of the best practices that made us successful in identifying the hazard and eliminating the hazards in the workplace. Employee participation in such campaigns are encouraged by recognitions and this has led the company to be Lost Workday Injury free for the last 12 years since we commenced operations in Singapore. We endeavor to keep our record as a center for excellence in the region.



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