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PROJECT REPORT SUMMARY

Project nr:	UNITAR Project code: CWM.173/R628 Orange House Partnership (OHP) Project number: RT(2011)2
Subject:	Training in four ASEAN countries and the People's Republic of China for Capacity Building on the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)
Sponsored by:	The European Union and national authorities and partners responsible for chemical management in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand.
Start and end-dates:	Manila, Philippines: 12-16 September 2011 Bangkok, Thailand: 19-23 September 2011 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: 26-30 September 2011 Jakarta, Indonesia: 3-7 October 2011 Beijing, China: 7-11 November 2011
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Background and Objectives:	The objective of the training courses in the 4 ASEAN countries and China was to build capacity in the use of the GHS in these countries, in particular at the government level, at the level of regional and local authorities, labour organisations, public interest NGO's, academia and industry. The aim of the capacity building was to facilitate the national implementation of the GHS in these countries. The trainings in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand were also used as a pilot exercise for UNITAR and OHP to gain experience with the newly developed training material.
Meetings:	A total of 4 GHS Introduction Training Courses and 9 Advanced GHS Training courses were given in the countries mentioned above. Furthermore, in Malaysia and Thailand additional meetings were arranged with the authorities. Together, more than 1,100 participants were trained in a time period of less than 2 months.
Main Topics and observations:	The training material used (largely PowerPoint lectures and practical exercises) was a combination of material produced: (i) under the auspices of UNITAR by a working group of the Programme Advisory Group (PAG) of GHS Training and Capacity Building Programme of UNITAR and ILO and (ii) by Orange House Partnership experts for training in Uruguay (2010) and South Africa (2011). As it was developed to <u>facilitate</u> teaching, the package was very comprehensive and useful but as such too big to be presented in all its details. The various training courses were all very much appreciated and considered by the national authorities of China and the 4 ASEAN countries as useful contributions to the GHS implementation processes in the respective countries. However, it was also noted that some audiences would need additional insight into the application of specific criteria. From the shared experience of the trainers a series of suggestions and recommendations were made for further improvement and harmonisation of the GHS Introduction Course and the Advanced GHS Training Course.