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IPAF ASIA CONFERENCE VISITS THAILAND

The IPAF Asia Conference 2023, was held for the first time in Bangkok, Thailand this August, attracting 153 delegates from 12 countries, all of whom shared an interest in advancing safety, technology and practices in the powered access industry.



The conference - which featured a line-up of 15 speakers - was held over two days and covered industry trends, safety practices, technical advancements and future prospects.

IPAF chief executive Peter Douglas opened the conference, emphasising the importance of the safe and effective use of powered access. The official presentations then began with Sakdisilpa Tuladhorn, director of the OSH Division at the Labour Protection and Welfare Department at the Ministry of Labour in Thailand.

He was followed by Supitchaya Sornsit from SHAWPAT, the Safety & Health at Work Promotion Association, that was set up by cabinet resolution which also runs an impressive practical training centre. She provided a comprehensive overview of incidents involving powered access equipment in Thailand. Her presentation served as a poignant starting point which set the scene for the presentations that followed.

Other presentations came from Mike Ashton, He Dawei, Jasling Ong, Surasak Sonklin, Chi Sen Gay, Bernard Tan, Roseline Zhang, Julien Micheli, Martin Wraith, Raymond Wat, Desmond Ong, Jack Jim and Olivia Shen. On day two delegates visited local rental company Promech Service Centre.

IPAF regional manager Raymond Wat, said: "It was fantastic to see so much support for IPAF

and the promotion of the safe use of aerial work platforms in the country. We look forward to continuing to work closely with our members to ensure we are doing all we can to prevent accidents so that all workers can return home safely after working at height."

Peter Douglas added: "Thank you to all those who joined us at the first event in Thailand. We were also pleased to announce that next year's IPAF Asia Conference will take place in China, the largest region in Asia for both IPAF training and membership. We look forward to welcoming guests together once again and having a successful event."



NEW IPAF REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHINA

IPAF has appointed Tim Mo as IPAF representative for China. He started on 1st August and joins the association after six years with Haulotte Shanghai, most recently as marketing manager. He will be responsible for supporting members in China, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan and encourage engagement with IPAF safety campaigns and eLearning programmes, while developing member benefits and increasing collaboration with national institutions and contractors. He will work alongside Bai Ri to ensure a smooth transition prior to his retirement later this year.

Romina Vanzi, IPAF's Head of Regional Development, says: "China has a significant and rapidly growing powered access industry and is a key market for IPAF to develop. Tim has an exceptional range of skills and experience and will certainly help drive engagement with our members and help raise awareness of safety issues - he will be a fantastic addition to the IPAF team."

Mo added: "When I learned there was a vacancy to be IPAF's China representative, I jumped at the chance. IPAF is already very well known to me from my previous role, and I believe my knowledge of the industry and skills in marketing and customer engagement will be a very good fit."



Tim Mo

IPAF IS RECRUITING!

IPAF has several job openings, including communication manager - based in the UK - and customer services manager, responsible for overseeing the IPAF training support team and regional manager for North America, a role focused on membership in the region, improving the service to current members as well as the recruitment of new members.



IPAF ELEVATION UK 2023 PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

This year's IPAF Elevation UK conference will be held on the 16th and 17th November at The Belfry Hotel & Resort and is themed 'It's all about the people'. The afternoon conference will include presentations from Penny Mallory on 'Mental Toughness' and Ben Hirst of Horizon Platforms on behavioural science and how we can use it to improve the culture in our workplace.

Charlotte Bennett of Sunbelt Rentals, Darren Nash from the HSE, Peter Douglas of IPAF and leadership consultant Ali Moore covering topics such as recruitment, safety, learning and development and changes within the workplace and wider industry.

The conference will be followed by a networking reception and a three-course dinner featuring entertainment from comedian Simon Evans.

