



Students at The Newton Education Centre

XCMG TRAINING IN JAKARTA

Chinese crane and aerial lift manufacturer XCMG is to run 200 training courses a year in Jakarta, Indonesia aiming to annually train 1,800 participants. Aimed at local service personnel, dealership staff and operators, The Newton Education Centre in Marunda, will run courses that combine lectures and practical experience. The initiative is aimed at tackling a serious shortage of talent. Participants that graduate will be based at locations across Indonesia.

POOR INSPECTION/LACK OF MAINTENANCE COSTS £777K

UK port operator A&P Falmouth has been fined more than £750,000 plus costs £26,792.30 for a crane incident that occurred in May 2017.

The crane, an aging Stothert & Pitt dock crane, dropped its boom onto an Acetylene gas cylinder storage cage below. Around 260 people were working on the dock at the time, thankfully no one was hurt in the incident. The crane was working on the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship, Tidespring, when the boom began its rapid descent, the operator reacted fast enough to slew the boom away from the ship, although it landed on the gas cage. The investigation found A&P Falmouth had failed to properly maintain the crane causing the jib's luffing ropes to fail due to a lack of lubrication and basic maintenance. The crane had also been recently inspected by a third-party, but recommendations regarding a number of defects were not acted on.



PALAZZANI HOSTS ENGINEERING STUDENTS

In October, Italian spider lift manufacturer Palazzani, hosted a group of fifth year engineering students from the University of Brescia aiming to provide students with insights into the design and manufacturing processes of aerial work platforms.

President Paola Palazzani and chief executive Francesco Zola, introduced the students to the company and the industry, and then guided them through the production cycle from raw material management to assembly and testing, followed by a session with the company's technical and engineering team. Finally, they had an opportunity to see the machines in action and experience them first hand.



The hands on/ demonstration with a 52m spider lift

NCCCO'S EDUCATIONAL WEBSITE

The US based National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has launched MyCraneCareer.org, an interactive website for employers and people looking to work in the crane industry. The initiative aims to introduce and educate individuals about the opportunities the crane and lifting industry offers, directing them towards training, certification and employment.

T.J. Cantwell of NCCCO said: "As with all skilled trade jobs, the crane industry needs more people, given that it plays a critical role in infrastructure projects and the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Law will create a need for thousands of new crane operators. We recognised that the crane industry did not have a one stop online resource to provide the information and tools for individuals to learn about the many amazing careers available. Hopefully this will fit the bill."



£46K FOR PARALYSING FALL

UK based Paul Freeman Ltd has been fined £40,000 plus £6,263 in costs after an employee was left paralysed after lying on the floor for six hours following a fall from height.

Andrew Clifford, 51, was installing first floor joists in a house when he slipped and fell. He spent five months in hospital while spinal cord injuries left him paralysed from the chest down. He said: "The first thing I recall was landing on my head. From that point it was a strange feeling, I felt no pain and I couldn't understand why I couldn't get up. It was a quiet street and when it became dark, I was really worried. I think I fell between 9:00 and 9.30am and wasn't found until 3pm."

The HSE found that the company failed to ensure that the work was properly planned with no measures taken to prevent falls.

WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

A reader sent us this picture of a man using a ladder, a car, a roof rack and a friend to reach what we assume are telephone wires. The friend remains below holding the ladder in place on the roof rack, trying to prevent it from twisting around the pole.

