



Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Press Release

First Female completes CISRS OSTS Training

CISRS are delighted to announce that Miss Hien Pham Safety Officer with Black Cat JSC Ltd has successfully completed both OSTS Level 1 Scaffolders and Basic Scaffold Inspection courses at the AIS/Blackcat CISRS approved Training centre located in Vang Tau, Vietnam.

Miss Pham becomes the first female to attend CISRS Overseas scaffolder training, the scheme is hoping that she will be the first of many.

The Level one course which includes both theoretical and practical sessions, covering general health and safety, working at height guidance, prevention of fall from heights, component recognition, understanding basic drawings, safe methods of erection and dismantle of basic structures such as towers and independent scaffolds is the ideal starting point for anyone operating in the scaffolding sector.

Miss Pham said: *'The first time I went on site and witnessed scaffolding operations taking place I realised I wanted to learn more about how these structures were constructed. Participating in the Level 1 course has highlighted to me, the correct way to build scaffolding. I think the information on fall protection and avoiding falls from height is especially important for everyone involved in the sector.'*

'The Inspection course is essential to me as a safety officer, it has given me a lot more in depth knowledge of scaffolding and will help me to spot hazards, either with defective equipment or poor construction and allow me to identify corrective actions.'

'I am really happy and proud to have completed these two courses.'

The partnership with North East Training Provider AIS and Blackcat JSC Ltd gained CISRS OSTS accreditation in October 2017 with the aim of upskilling and improving the competencies of its own employees, as well as servicing the training requirements of the lucrative Indo-China oil and gas and construction markets.

David John Adams Lead Instructor for AIS training said: 'Blackcat has invested a huge amount into the development of scaffolding training and safety in Vietnam and AIS will continue to help them achieve that aim.'

'It's great to see CISRS OSTS promotes equality and diversity, both AIS and Blackcat are committed to delivering high quality training to all, within the region and worldwide.'

The drive and dedication of Mr Ho Kha the Chairman of Blackcat JSC to improve the levels of Scaffolding safety and competence and of his employees is evident from the quality of centre he has established and the training programme he has put in place.'

Mr Kha said:

'Hien is the first female scaffolder in Vietnam, her passion and commitment to the industry is fantastic, she is a highly valued member of the Blackcat team. We will continue to invest in the whole of our workforce for the benefit of our organisation and our client base.'

For more information about CISRS OSTs please visit <http://cisrs.org.uk/overseas-scaffolder-training-scheme/>