

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Italian Institute of Welding and SIDDCO Group company for the construction of education and training welding centres in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

At the signing of the bilateral agreement between Italy and the United Arab Emirates, at the stand of the United Arab Emirates at the fair Expo in Milan was celebrated, on 20 October 2015 at 10.00, the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Italian Institute of Welding and the iNGENIUM, partner companies of the SIDDCO Group, which will see the two organizations involved in the creation of courses for training and certification of welding personnel, according to qualification international routes, for citizen of Emirates and expatriate workers in the UAE.

The training and education centres will be built at the sites of Kizad and Hamriyah, where the SIDDCO company, create new factories for the manufacture of pressure vessels.

At the agreement signature, as guests of honor, captain **Mohamed Juma Al Shamisi**, CEO of Abu Dhabi Ports Company UAE body responsible for the management and development of commercial ports and industrial areas of the Emirate, and the representative of the government of the "free zone" of Sharjah **Saud Salim Al Mazrouei** were present. For SIDDCO **Zakee Siddiqi**, President and CEO of SIDDCO Group was present and, for the IIS Group, **Alberto Lauro**, CEO of IIS Progress, and **Giancarlo Canale** on behalf of the Italian Institute of Welding were present.

The UAE willingness is to encourage the aspirations and individual capabilities, enabling people to operate effectively and achieve results. The training centres will help to facilitate access the UAE citizens as well as foreign workers to the world of work in the fields of engineering and technology.

The training will be enjoyed not only by the staff of iNGENIUM, but also for the local and international plant engineering, mechanical maintenance and major civil infrastructure companies.

IIS Progress, a company that operates in the field of welding training, will have in this project a very important role in terms of technology transfer and local workers education, in order to create qualified personnel to make up the workforce in the sector of welded components, confirming, once again, the primary goal that has marked the Institute since its founding: to increase, disseminate and apply knowledge of welding in each market sector.

The training centres provide training programs both theoretical and practical, for welders, welding coordinators and inspectors, with the attainment of professional certification according to international standards.

The Memorandum of Understanding is the joint effort as part of the Economic Vision of the UAE, and will be a reference for economic diversification and the development of talent among UAE citizens. It will create opportunities both for companies and for individuals across the country.

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