

EIMA to open safety training centre

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Emirates International Maritime Academy (EIMA) has announced it has signed a deal to establish a 'world-class' offshore training centre within Dubai Maritime City Campus.

Under the agreement, signed with Malaysia's (Sribima Maritime Training Centre) SMTC Global, EIMA will establish a centre to offer training in emergency response, safety skills and safety management.

"This joint venture will act as a catalyst that will accelerate the growth of the much-needed manpower and skills in the maritime sector and subsequently reinforce Dubai's reputation as a world-class maritime centre," said Captain Jaafar Sidin, director of DMC Campus and EIMA.

The emergency response training covers a wide range of offshore emergency situations that are discussed in detail in specialised courses. The training includes personal survival techniques, first aid, and fire prevention and fire fighting, among others.

Meanwhile, the safety skills training course will cover topics such as driving, welding, and crane and forklift operation. The management courses will deal with risk assessment, accident investigation and hazard management.

"Through our cooperation with EIMA we aim at introducing a world-class safety training facility within Dubai Maritime City that will cater to the specific requirements of the oil and gas sector," said Captain Rudy Rijckaert, chairman, SMTC Global.

"We will work with EIMA to reinforce the image of Dubai as the region's hub for maritime safety training."

Courses will be offered in different languages, including English and Arabic, and are set to commence in mid 2009. In the Middle East, SMTC currently runs training operations in Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

The company was established in 1998 in Malaysia to provide training for the Asian petroleum industry.

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