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FLA Courses Prepare 70 Trainers from 16 Countries to Teach Workers About Fire Safety



Starting in October of 2013, the FLA, in partnership with fire safety training expert Dr. David Gold, began offering a series of four fire safety courses accredited by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. Beginning with a series of courses in Sri Lanka, over the last two years the program has been offered in China, Vietnam, Turkey, and Indonesia, with upcoming trainings in 2016 to be held in India and China.

By the end of 2015, the courses had produced 70 accredited master trainers -- from 16 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas -- who are then qualified to return to their factories and train others on fire safety in the workplace. Most often, these trainings are sponsored by FLA-affiliated brands, which provide the trainings for their suppliers. In addition, in 2016, the FLA will be providing training directly to several FLA-affiliated suppliers in China, conducted by a Shanghai-based member of the FLA staff who is now certified as a master trainer.

The four available fire safety courses are explained in detail on the FLA website ([download course descriptions here](#)) and are available for any brands, suppliers, civil society organizations, government agencies, or others who wish to learn more about fire safety. Course materials are currently printed in English and Mandarin Chinese, with translations in progress for Bangla and Vietnamese. As the program grows, materials can be adapted for other local languages. For more information about the fire safety courses, or to ask questions about the program, contact firesafety@fairlabor.org.