



The professional certification designations of Certified Disability Management Professional (CDMP) and Certified Return to Work Coordinator (CRTWC) expand significantly across Southeast Asia

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The recently concluded International Forum in Disability Management (IFDM 2016) in Kuala Lumpur, was also marked with the historic signing of a landmark agreement between the Social Security Organization, SOCSO/PERKESO and the National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR) which allows SOCSO, through a formal license agreement, to offer and administer the professional CDMP and CRTWC examinations throughout a range of Southeast Asian nations currently not covered through individual license agreements.

The CDMP and CRTWC professional certifications are administered globally through the International Disability Management Standards Council (IDMSC), with the global administrative Secretariat provided through the National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR), which is located at the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS) in Port Alberni, British Columbia, Canada.

This major signing event that took place in Kuala Lumpur (KL) was witnessed not only by the Chief Executive Officer of SOCSO, YBhg Dato' Dr. Mohammed Azman bin Dato' Aziz Mohammed as well as its Chairman Datuk Abu Huraira Abu Yazid in addition to NIDMAR Board of Directors members including the Honourable Wayne G. Wouters, PC; Joachim Breuer, PhD; Sari Sairanen and Donal McAnaney, PhD.

The KL agreement opens the door for individuals in Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam to obtain the coveted professional CDMP and CRTWC designations through an official examination and administration center currently being established by SOCSO/PERKESO at the Social Security Research Centre at the University of Malaya, Malaysia's oldest University located in Kuala Lumpur.



These recent country additions bring the number of countries licensed for the professional CDMP and CRTWC designations to 26, in addition to individuals being able to obtain the certification directly through examination arrangements made with the IDMSC Secretariat.

The CDMP and CRTWC professional designations are also referenced in the global Return to Work Best Practice guidelines developed, validated and published by the International Social Security Association (ISSA), a UN affiliated agency located in Geneva, and now includes in excess of 4000 CDMP/CRTWC designation holders in more than 12 countries, a membership which also includes approximately 15% Occupational Health Physicians for whom the designation represents significant value added professional recognition.

With additional jurisdictions continuously being added to the CDMP / CRTWC professional community around the world, it is expected that over time, individuals holding this designation will form a leading global resource core of consistent professional and practical competence to all organizations concerned with much improved socio-economic outcomes in Return to Work and Disability Management.

For more information on the value, development history and professional requirements of the CDMP and CRTWC designations please visit:

http://www.nidmar.ca/certification/certification_background.asp

Interested in building your professional competence and knowledge in all aspects of Return to Work and Disability Management? Please enquire through the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS), a statutory, non-profit, degree granting University offering leading edge academic and continuing education through online instruction by highly experienced instructors from five countries:

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