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PRESS RELEASE

ESIC bagged 03 Certificate of Merit in the "ISSA Good Practice Awards for Asia and the Pacific, 2012" at Seoul, Republic of Korea on 30.10.2012

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has made its significant presence felt at the International forum of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) by winning awards (03 Certificate of Merit) in "ISSA Good Practice Award, ASIA and Pacific Competition-2012" held at Seoul, Republic of Korea recently. ESIC has won the awards in the 03 categories of:-

- 1. Adequacy and Quality of Social Security Benefits and Services**
- 2. Administrative and Operational Efficiency**
- 3. Extension of Social Security Coverage**

These 03 awards recognize the services of ESIC in terms of the number of benefits, which are being provided to the beneficiaries of ESI Scheme. The awards also underline the improvements that have been made in the services of the ESI Corporation as well as increase in its administrative and operational efficiency. The ESI Corporation had also been taken up special drive for extension of its social security coverage to new geographical areas as well as new sectors of employment as a part of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations last year. The efforts made by the Corporation last year have now gained international recognition in terms of these awards.

"The ESI Corporation of India has made remarkable efforts to extend social security protection to the workforce in India," ISSA Secretary General Hans-Horst Konkolewsky stated at the event. Shri Arun Kumar, Additional Commissioner, ESIC, who is also ISSA Liaison Officer for South Asia received the Certificates of Merit on behalf of ESIC.

In total, the competition for Asia and the Pacific 2012 attracted 41 entries. Launched in 2008, the ISSA Good Practice Award programme is organized on a regional basis over a three-year cycle, and has garnered international attention from social security institutions.

The International Social Security Association (ISSA) is the principal international institution bringing together social security agencies and organizations. The ISSA's aim is to promote dynamic social security as the social dimension in a globalizing world by supporting excellence in social security administration. Founded in 1927, the ISSA has its headquarters at the International Labour Office, in Geneva. The ISSA provides access to information, expert advice, business standards, practical guidelines and platforms for members to build and promote dynamic social security systems worldwide. The vision of dynamic social security provides a framework for the ISSA's action.

The Liaison Office of ISSA for South Asia is also functioning from ESI Corporation, India. The Liaison Office is closely co-ordinating with the member countries in Bhutan, Iran, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan for consensus on topics related to Social Security for research.

ESIC is the pioneer social security organization of the country providing social protection in the exigencies of health, maternity, employment injury, disablement, death and unemployment. It provides medical benefit to the workers of organized sector as well as cash benefits which include Sickness Benefit, Disablement Benefit, Dependants Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Unemployment Allowance, Vocational Rehabilitation etc. ESIC provides matchless medical care as there is no upper cap on individual expenditure on medical treatment of an ESI beneficiary.

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Shri Arun Kumar, Addl. Commissioner, ESIC (standing 2nd from left) received 03 Certificate of Merit from ISSA at Seoul, Republic of Korea on 30.10.2012



Shri Arun Kumar, Addl. Commissioner, ESIC receiving Certificate of Merit from ISSA at Seoul, Republic of Korea on 30.10.2012