

## MORE OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL TRAINING- SOUTH EAST ASIA

KB Associates Pte Ltd (KBA), based in Singapore, is now the only approved training establishment in the South East Asian region to conduct all International Marine Contractors Association, (IMCA), training and certification courses.

Training started in 2004 with the IMCA Diving Supervisors (Air and Bell) and Assistant Life Support Technician courses. The courses provide practical training using the KBA Hyperbaric Facility as well as using interactive up to date presentations. ‘The training offered has opened the doors for local and international personnel to attend the courses without having to travel far a field to such places as the UK, France or Australia,’ said Darren Brunton, KBA’s Course Director.

In March 2006, KBA conducted the first IMCA Diver Medic Technician (DMT) course held in Singapore. Working with local businesses for hyperbaric expertise and a local Hospital, the course offers an unprecedented means of DMT training. KBA’s full time Medic trainer, Mr Zulkarnien, (Zul), has a wealth of experience in the emergency medic field having worked with the Singapore Defense Force’s Ambulance service for 6 years; Dr Kevin Chan, of Flinders Practice provides the expertise for the hyperbaric medicine; ‘‘This opportunity to provide DMT training is fantastic for divers. We are now able to raise the knowledge level of divers within this region and promote diver safety.’’ said Dr Chan.

The time spent during the course at the local hospital has proved excellent. Working with Alexandra Hospital Accident & Emergency Department, provides real time experience for the Diver Medics during the course, enabling them to see and sometimes put into practice what they are learning during the 2-week training. ‘‘We are very pleased to be working with KBA during the Diver Medic Training Course. The hospital is committed to ‘reaching out’ to society and helps such improvement of skills. The IMCA Diver Medic Training course is recognised worldwide by the commercial diving industry and we are pleased to be involved with this training,’’ said a spokesman for the hospital.

All the IMCA courses are conducted by KBA’s full time team of instructors and are scheduled every month; ‘‘We run courses as long as someone attends be it 1 person or a full course; ‘Quality not Quantity’ – is important to us. To assist in-maintaining quality training, we have a maximum of 10 places for each course. This ensures a good instructor – student ratio and individual contact time’’ said Darren.

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