



BEST ACHIEVING PARTNER'S AWARD FOR 2013



At the recently concluded **HOPPECKE's** International Dealers Conference in Brilon, Germany, we were

pleasantly surprised when it was announced that **DAH BASHI ENGINEERING** had received the coveted **BEST ACHIEVING PARTNER'S AWARD** for 2013 from **HOPPECKE** !

Heartiest congratulations to one and all who contributed to the company's brilliant performance !



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A YARD FULL OF GIANTS !

The Service Department's hands are currently full with repairs on a **CATERPILLAR D9R Bulldozer**, **988H Wheel Loader** and a **345B Excavator** !



HOME IMPROVEMENTS !



The DE facility is currently bursting at its seams owing to the steady growth of the Group's business over the past few years and the product is spilling out into the open areas, having already utilized every nook and cranny of the Parts and Materials Handling Division's Warehouses.

It was therefore decided to provide some temporary relief from the unrelenting sun, prior to the advent of the

summer months.

The resultant tent-like structure, supported by a framework of fabricated steel, spanning the area between the wash bay, the workshop and the Materials Handling Division's store, came up within no time.



We chose a PVC (700gsm) fabric from Mehler (Germany) for the covering. It is water-proof, fire retardant and offers UV protection as well.

Now that the summer has set in, we can feel the difference this has made to the area it covers.

Saifuddin Dargahwala
Service Manager

A "FISHY" ADVENTURE !

The UAE consumers are being bombarded with on-line advertisements on fishing trips with prices slashed by as high as 50% ! For some time, Mustansar has been tempted to try one of these but his attempts to go along with other groups have not worked out as they are normally overbooked on the weekends.

Trying a different approach, he decided to "cast his hook closer to home and immediately got a bite" ! He presented the idea of spending the recent long weekend in the open sea to the members of the **Dubai Branch** and received a very positive response. I too agreed after being assured that I was in for some angling lessons by a professional seaman. I felt that there



was no harm in spending an evening away from the family if it meant learning a new skill; if we did manage to catch a fish or two, it would be a bonus. The rest of the team was quite enthusiastic about the outing from the outset.

We all met off the Jumeirah fishing jetty on a hot afternoon. We were asked to walk down the line of luxury yachts till we reached a boat called "Zaitoon". A 20-footer life boat, it was nestled between two giant yachts, totally dwarfed by its neighbours ! It could seat about 10 people and only the captain was provided with a canopy for shelter from the relentless sun beating down on us. The boat's captain, a young lad called Shakir, welcomed us with the assurance that it would be a pleasant and "easy" outing.

As soon as the boat cruised away from the jetty, we relaxed in the cool salty sea breeze. As it accelerated towards the world islands, the splashing water drenched us completely. After a 15

minute ride, we anchored and turned the engines off.

Captain Shakir handed each of us a 6-foot basic spinning rod with twin tackles and weight. Each small tackle had pieces of squid as bait. His instructions were to drop the line over the side as we were first-timers and would have made a mess of casting it over the shoulder.

We were a bit disappointed but saw the sound logic behind the "ban" ! Captain Shakir said, "Watch me how I do it." We observed him at close quarters for the next 10 minutes while he failed to get even a nibble !



I decided to cast my line and within a minute, felt a pull at the other end. Started winding in the reel and to my astonishment, my tackles had a pair of sherries (groupers) attached to them ! Talk about beginner's luck ! Seeing my immediate success everyone got excited and started gazing at the waters with bright-eyed expectations.

After the initial success though, there was no sign of any fish for the next hour. Someone did get a nibble but lost it halfway. "Maybe the escaped fish has warned the others," someone wondered aloud. With the waters getting a bit choppy, a few of us started to feel a little sea sick. I dived in to avoid



the sea sickness; the water was refreshingly cool.

The captain decided to change location to a quieter area where the waves were a bit gentler. The change in location proved lucky for all of us and, suddenly, we started catching fish as if there was no tomorrow !



When the captain checked with the other boat that had gone out at the same time, he was told that they were still waiting to catch their first fish ! We felt like professional fishermen as we were literally reeling them in every 5 minutes. It was absolutely and unbelievably fantastic; so good in fact, that none of us wanted to return home. We had gone out thinking it would be a

good outing for the boys as well as a team-building exercise; it was a real bonus that we actually returned to shore with almost 10 kgs. of fish !



Not wanting to end the adventure just yet, it was decided to organize an impromptu barbeque at Safa Park. The group was split into smaller teams and given specific tasks to perform. One got the fish cleaned, the other picked up the necessities from the supermarket and the third picked up the grill from my residence. We grilled some of the sherries with different recipes; all turned out to be mouth-wateringly delicious !



It was only when the park wardens asked us to start packing up that we realized it was 11 in the night ! We distributed the rest of the catch and went home completely exhausted but with a tremendous sense of achievement as well as even more heightened camaraderie.

It seems our successful fishing trip has become a hot topic in the company. I was surprised when Mr. Arya asked me to write about it. It was then that I decided to document our experience in some detail in case other members of the family decide to try their luck.

"Give a man a fish, feed for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime."
Confucius

Salim Shaikh
Dubai Branch Manager

July birthdays 2013! August birthdays 2013!

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