



**Gas Appliance
Manufacturers
Association of
Australia**

Korean Delegation – 26 November Melbourne

GAMAA hosted a delegation for the Korean Gas Safety Corporation (KGS) on Thursday 26 November.

The Korea Gas Safety Corporation (KGS), a governmental inspection body which is devoted to embed a gas safety culture among the Korean community and to improve gas safety technology by fulfilling the mission of securing life and property of the people from danger of gas incidents.

KGS is a governmental testing, inspection, and education organization under the control of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy (MOCIE). The role of KGS, whose existence and functions derive from the 3 Gas Laws such as the High Pressure Gas Safety Management Law, the LP Gas safety and Business Management Law, and the City Gas Business Law, is responsible for drawing up the draft of the above 3 Gas Laws for enactment or revision.

The major activities which KGS has continuously promoted to prevent gas incidents are check-up and inspection of facilities, education and training to nurture advanced technical man-power, publicity campaign to foster safety culture among the people, exchange of technical information with foreign gas related organizations,

The delegation included Sang-Moo Lee, Director Institute of Gas Safety Technology Training; Kim Eungho, Deputy General Manager Faculty Division. AGA sponsored the Delegation and Chris Wealthy and Bill Tabourlos also attended from AGA. GAMAA was represented by Andrew Creek GAMAA President, Anthony Edwards GAMAA Executive Councilor and Jon Onley GAMAA's Executive Officer.

KGS is partly funded by the Korean Government and the balance through industry stakeholders.

The Delegations explained that training is a big part of their Korean operations with over 170,000 technicians participating in training courses over the last 12 months. KGS have over 13,000 employees and all are supporting various activities around training, compliance, regulation, testing and advocacy.

An Australian equivalent (if there was one) would be a body that acts a Regulatory Board and TAFE all in one.

Andrew Creek provided an overview of GAMAA's broad church membership and the role GAMAA has played for around 58 years, including our relationships with Appliance Manufactures (& Importers), CABs, Standards bodies, Regulators and Government departments.

Anthony Edwards provided a member's perspective on how Bosch goes about their training services to their technicians on their diverse product range. Chris Wealthy explained that there are about 60 TAFES nationally and about 30 of those are located in Victoria with many delivering gas related training modules. He also explained that like Bosch many Australian gas appliance manufactures train their specialist technicians on their particular products.

GAMAA Technical Committee Meeting & Christmas Lunch - 16 December - Sandringham Yacht Club - update.

Just to let you know that 23 have registered to attend the Technical Committee meeting and 33 have registered to attend our Christmas Lunch (that will follow immediately after the Technical Committee meeting).

Thank you to all that have registered and we look forward to a very productive meeting and a very enjoyable lunch. If you haven't yet registered for either the Technical meeting or Lunch (or both) and would like to do so, please let us know at

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