



Fidson Healthcare Plc

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May Day Celebrations:

‘Ensure Safety at Work’ - Fidson HR Manager

As workers mark this year’s Workers Day on May 1, Mr. Ernest Onyejekwe, Group Human Resource Manager, Fidson Healthcare Plc has called on employers of labour to always ensure the health and safety of their workers both on and off duty.

“As employers of labour strive for profitability, it is important to make health and safety of the workers during and after work, a front burner issue as there is no shortcut to achieving this,” Onyejekwe said. The Fidson HR Manager made this call against the backdrop of latest statistics from the International Labour Organisation, ILO to the effect that workplace hazards in its various forms leave about 2.3 million workers dead yearly.

Looking at a breakdown of a recent ILO report that indicates that about 6,300 workers die on daily basis while about 337 million workplace accidents occur resulting in extended absences from work, due to workplace hazards and lack of adherence to safety measures, Onyejekwe called on the government and employers of labour to always realize that real growth and productivity cannot be achieved without ensuring the health and safety of workers.

Onyejekwe says as workers mark 2010 May Day celebrations, he is particularly proud of the health and safety policy of Fidson Healthcare Plc. “We are proud to say that in the last one year and more, we have had an accident free operation and this is because we have a very robust HSC policy, apply adequate safety measures, organize awareness programs and ensure that our workers constantly work with all the necessary safety gadgets,” Onyejekwe said.

Beyond providing the life and limb saving gadgets, Onyejekwe said Fidson Healthcare plc also ensures the setting up of safety committees at all its factories. “This committee meets every month to discuss safety issues, comes up with recommendations on any issue that may be threatening health and safety at work while management promptly takes remedial actions to correct the situation,” he said.