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Approximately 200 members of ‘Safety & Health Guard,’ mostly retirees with vast career experiences recruited by KOSHA, begin conducting safety check at industrial sites around the nation starting in late February.

- Members of Safety & Health Guard were hired based on document screenings and interviews oriented to the retirees over the age of 55 who have vast field experiences or professional licenses.

- They will be dispatched to 27 nationwide front-line agencies under the KOSHA by the end of February where they will patrol industrial sites in the region by the end of this year after completing training courses and on-site OJT*. *On the Job Training

- The period of their activities has been increased by 2 months compared to the previous year (8 months) because they were hired one month earlier than the previous year and one more month was added to the total period of this year’s activities.

- In particular, their practice focuses on small-and-medium-sized construction sites worth less than about 10 million USD where safety management is generally vulnerable, and the guards will monitor high-risk worksites from the sites to which technical training was given by professional guidance groups and private consigned agencies whether previous notifications have been fully accomplished.

A KOSHA staff mentioned “The contributions made by the Safety & Health Guards are truly significant, considering the fact that about half of all occupational fatal accidents occur in the construction industry and 70% of those accidents have been found from small-and-medium-sized construction sites worth less than about 10 million USD.”
KOSHA launched a public contest based on a theme, prevention of fatalities from four major vicious accidents, by inviting the general public nationwide in order to elevate the effects of occupational accident prevention.

Anyone could submit suggestions for preventive keywords or slogans by each type of four major vicious fatal accidents (fall, trap, collision and suffocation).

The contest ran for 15 days from February 1st to 15th, and contestants could participate through internet by accessing the Public Announcement under the News menu at the official website of the KOSHA (http://www.kosha.or.kr).

Awards and gifts would be presented to one Grand Prize and two Outstanding Awards for keywords and slogans by each type of four major fatal accidents, in addition to first 200 participants in the order of their participation.

The results of selection will be announced at the official website during the March following the evaluation*, and selected keywords and slogans will be utilized for promotion of occupational accident prevention this year.

* Five criteria of evaluation : level of understanding, creativity, suitability, effectiveness and conciseness

A KOSHA staff said, “we anticipate development of slogans allowing anyone to easily recognize through this upcoming contest.”

“At the same time, we hope that everyone in the nation pay more attention to occupational fatal accidents and take part in prevention efforts,” the staff added.
KOSHA declared the determination by its executive management and senior officers to perform public duties in a fair manner and practice integrity by holding a conference on resolution of integrity at a meeting room of Gwangmyung Station in Gyeonggi-do on February 10th.

With over 50 executives, senior officers and heads of front-line agencies attended, all participants read aloud the resolution, and Doo Yong Park, the President of KOSHA, adopted the resolution on practice of integrity.

- They declared to set an example to promote vibrant and clean organizational culture by practicing △ refusal of improper solicitation, △ performance of public duties in a fair manner, △ prohibition of receiving money or goods, △ transparent personnel decisions and △ just allocation of budgets.

President Doo Yong PARK, and Dong Wook LIM the standing auditor of KOSHA, said, “All executives and employees agreed to continue to endeavor and participate in promotion of organizational culture that is clean and lively based on communication and empathy.”
KOSHA operated the “Occupational Training Open Learning for High Schools” subject to the students of vocational high schools in the Ulsan region at the headquarters of the KOSHA located in Ulsan on January 8th.

This occupational training is a program developed and offered by public institutions of Ulsan Innovation City and Ulsan Metropolitan Office of Education for the purpose of promoting employments for high school graduates where 40 second-year students from 8 Meister high schools and vocational high schools attended.

The students took training courses focusing on field works designed to escalate competence capable of acquiring knowledge in safety and health and responding to harmful/hazardous risks at workplace, and such training was offered once more on the January 10th.

A KOSHA staff said, “We plan to further expand collaborative works with relevant local agencies to continue to provide opportunities for local students to explore their career paths and improve their awareness level in safety, as this training program pursues.”
Occupational Safety and Health Training Institute (OSHTI) operates the “2020 Advanced Management Program in Safety & Health” to realize management policies on safety and health for chief executive officers.

- Since 2019, KOSHA has been operating the “Advanced Management Program in Safety & Health” designed to promote safety and health management culture by delegating the program to the Catholic University of Korea (Seoul Metropolitan area) and the University of Ulsan (regional area).

- The “Advanced Management Program in Safety & Health” is in operation aiming to effectively respond to ever-changing business environment and build a foundation for self-regulatory safety and health management within organizations by constructing business minds where safety and health are essential strategic elements, and the program currently accepts candidates in preparation for its opening in mid-March.

- The curriculum of this program consists of the policy direction in occupational safety and health, business strategy in safety and health, leadership within occupational safety and health, labor-management relations and humanities, and it is scheduled to be offered with 2-hour courses, once every week from mid-March until the end of November at the Catholic University of Korea and the University of Ulsan.

- Any person who intends to attend the program may contact the Graduate School of Public Health of the Catholic University of Korea and the Disaster Safety Education Center of University of Ulsan.

SHIN, In-Jae, the Director General of OSHTI, said, “Through operation of the Advanced Management Program in Safety & Health, I sincerely hope safety and health to be implemented as essential strategic elements in business managements and safety culture to spread throughout industrial sites and local communities.”
Occupational Safety & Health Certification Institute (OSHCI) under the KOSHA offers aids funds for research and development (R&D) of protective devices and PPEs in order to promote market expansion for outstanding safety products.

- Eligibility for aids will be given to registered manufacturers* of protective devices and PPEs, where a maximum of about 42 thousand USD will be supported each for research & development fund (within 60% of required costs) and purchase fund for test equipment (within 50% of required costs).

  * A manufacturer is required to have obtained safety certification for protective devices and gears or to be registered to the KOSHA as a business having completed a report of self-regulatory safety confirmation.

- Candidates may apply* for the aids via post mail or internet by February 25th after downloading an application from the public notification at the official website of the KOSHA (http://www.kosha.or.kr).

- Outcomes from selection process are scheduled to be announced during the month of March following deliberation process**.

  * A person in charge of financial aids at OSHCI: YOON, Su-min, Manager (052-703-0945)

  ** Major details of deliberation concerning application for financial aids

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Last year, 12 manufacturers received the financial aids worth a total of about 288 thousand USD, and an average of 35 thousand USD per business establishment was supported for R&D funds while an average of 12.5 thousand USD was granted for the funds to purchase test equipment.

This year, the budget for this particular financial aids has been increased to a total of about 370 thousand USD.

ANHYUP Electronics Co., Ltd., a last year’s recipient of R&D fund, developed ‘safety mat of industrial robot’ and has applied for a Korean patent, and Kyoungdo Co., Ltd. also developed ‘full gas mask’ and applied for a patent in Korea.

Bong Ho KIM, the Director General of OSHCI under KOSHA, said, “I expect that this financial aids will bring positive effects on prevention of occupational accidents by enhancing competitiveness of Korean small-and-medium-sized enterprises and expanding the distribution of outstanding products.”

“Through continuous financial supports, KOSHA is determined to fulfill its responsibility as a public institution by offering assistance for win-win growth of safety products market in Korea together with small-and-medium-sized enterprises,” Kim added.
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