

Public Agencies Determined to Lead Safety Management

Meeting Held for Safety Officers of Public Agencies, along with KOSHA

□ The Ministry of Employment and Labor (Minister: Lee, Jae-Kap) and KOSHA (President: Park, Doo Yong) hosted a meeting for safety officers from 339 public agencies under the theme, “**Undeterred Implementation of Safety Enhancement Measures at Workplaces of Public Agency and Roles of Safety Officers**” at the Ilsan Comprehensive Exhibition Center at 2:00pm on September 26th.

- This event was prepared with an aim to reiterate the importance of leading role and sense of duty of the times bestowed upon public agencies in order to protect public safety and life and to rigorously discuss the roles and responsibilities of safety officers at public agencies for the sake of practical implementation.

* Occupational accidents of public agencies for the past 5 years account for 1.8% of total occupational accidents (over 80,000 workers) and 6.1% of occupational fatalities (over 900 workers), which amounts to more than 50 people every year.

Subject	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fatality (No. of workers)	63	71	53	59	52

- Im, Seo-jeong, the Vice Minister of MOEL, said in his opening remarks, “I sincerely hope **all workers to be able to work in a safety and pleasant environment** as officers practically overseeing and managing the safety elevate the level of safety management at public agencies and set an example for private sector by firmly **establishing the value of safety management**

and practicing safety management.”

- As over 310 people, including safety officers and heads of relevant departments from 182 public agencies, petitioned to attend this meeting, a strong message was clearly delivered signaling keen interests and adamant will from officers and executives of public agencies toward safety management and practical implementation measures of public agencies.

- Park, Doo Yong, the President of KOSHA, explored public responsibilities for dangerous society as well as safety management system and risk management measures during his special lecture under the theme, “Safety Management and Safety leadership.”
- Kim, Dong-uk, Manager of Occupation Safety Division at the MOEL, discussed safety activities for public agencies to pursue in accordance with the wholly amended Occupational Safety and Health Act and the government’s safety enhancement measures for workplaces of public agencies under the title, “Direction of Safety Enhancement Policies for Public Agencies.”
- At the same time, information was offered with respect to evaluation types and systems as well as items of evaluation indicators regarding the assessment on the level of safety management to be executed by the MOEL upon public agencies starting this year, and discussion was also made concerning measures for systematic safety management and improvement of safety activity levels at public agencies.

* 128 agencies will be evaluated this year as a pilot program.

- In the future, **any executives of public agencies** where

serious accidents occur due to failure to comply with safety measures shall be **subject to dismissal**, and any public agencies with high probability of occupational accidents, including fatal accidents, will be designated to an object of priority control for safety and become a subject to special management.

- In addition, plans have been made to further strengthen the order to establish a basic safety management plan and enhance guidance and monitoring of occupational safety inspectors and KOSHA professional.