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# KOSHA opened discussion on Global Culture of Prevention

The 5th Bureau meeting of ISSA International Section  
for a Culture of Prevention  
on 21st March at Dresden, Germany



- • • President of Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency(KOSHA); Young-Soon Lee convened the 5th bureau meeting of ISSA International Section for a culture of prevention at Dresden, Germany on 21st March.
- • • KOSHA is a chair organization of the section and the section is consisted of 55 organizations from 25 countries. Representatives of global professional occupational safety and health organizations from the U.K., France and Germany joined the conversation about global prevention culture.
- • • Major topics of the meeting were: further development of smart-phone application; Find Accident to share information of major accident in world-wide, publication of newsletter on prevention culture and international efforts/future plans to disseminate prevention culture.
- • • President Lee appreciated continuous contribution of the section of a culture of prevention to global settlement of prevention culture since its establishment in 2011 and asked supports for further development.



# Enhancing site management for small-sized asbestos removal /demolition

Providing work site sealing,  
PPE check and consulting for small-sized sites  
with building material,  
containing asbestos less than 800m<sup>2</sup> in total area



- • • **KOSHA starts its supports on professional agents' site-visit monitoring at small-sized work sites with building materials containing asbestos less than 800m<sup>2</sup> in total area to secure safety at asbestos removal/demolition work from March.**
  - In accordance with the 「Asbestos Safety Management Act」, Asbestos removal/demolition work sites with building material more than 800m<sup>2</sup> are obliged to designate a supervisor. However work sites where its asbestos content less than 800m<sup>2</sup> have no such obligation and remained as blind spot.
  - KOSHA has provided the supports on small-sized asbestos removal/demolition work sites; about 5,000 in nationwide since 2014 to enhance work safety via professional agents' consulting.
- • • **The supports business is held by Korea Occupational Hygiene Association and The Korea Housing Managers Association. Their agents are consisted with asbestos work management related certificate, academic degree or experience, and they provide site seal for asbestos removal, PPE check, safety rule monitoring and consulting.**
  - Also they check sites' work plan, performance of equipment and working management status, and give feedback to employees. They can report to regional authority upon finding any legal violation or exposures to asbestos.
  - Technical supports to prevent fall or collapse accidents are provided.
- • • **KOSHA's president Young-soon, Lee said, "building material containing asbestos removal/demolition work must meet the working standards" and "KOSHA will do its best to secure workers' safety through small-sized site monitoring".**



# Tighten safety during a thaw period

KOSHA emphasizes major hazard  
in construction sites  
during thawing season  
at renovation site visit on 4th



- • • During a thaw period collapse accidents are readily occurred as frozen ground to be melted, and recognizing its major risks during the period, KOSHA visited construction sites for safety check.



- • • KOSHA suggested several major hazard at construction sites and the major risks are: collapse of supports on the sheeting; collapse of cutting/fill-up ground face; damage on underground facilities due to ground subsidence; and collapse of structures.

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- • • To prevent accident during the period KOSHA has uploaded 'safety and health guidelines' which contains accident prevention content for major hazard to its website in February and visited 27 construction sites in nationwide, facing the Safety check day on 4th.
- KOSHA's president Young-soon Lee and staff visited renovation construction for residential area, located in Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul.
  - Safety management and safety measures for device/equipment were main focus of the site visit and there was a meeting of workers and managers.
- The president said "incident during a thaw could be lead a fatal accident" and "to avoid accident, pre-work safety check for ground or facility is essential".



# Korea Occupational safety and Health Agency achieved 'excellent rank' in 2 consecutive years for Corporate Partnership

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- • • KOSHA won its second Excellent rank in a row for '2015 Public Agency Corporate Partnership Evaluation'.
  - As Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) and Korea Commission for Corporate Partnership evaluates public agency's support plan and its achievement in accordance with 「Act on the Promotion of Collaborative Cooperation between Large Enterprises and Small-Midium Enterprises」, KOSHA achieved the result.
- • • KOSHA reflected its new vision and strategic system into their management scheme for partnership with SMEs, expanded budget for civil commissioned business to invigorate OSH market, supported accident prevention activities through MoU and put efforts for SMEs' safety management capacity.
- • • MOTIE and Korea Commission for Corporate Partnership rated those activities high and called for further and continuous efforts.
- • • KOSHA's official said "KOSHA's achievement is based on its strong willpower for the partnership and specific activities" and "We will seek further improvement of the current system to disseminate value of the partnership".



# Safety Inspection in 27 regions as National Day for Safety Inspection faces the 20th anniversary

20th Anniversary ceremony was  
held in Ulsan on 4th, April



- • • National day for Safety Inspection, which is every 4th of each month, faces its 20th anniversary. Ministry Of Employment and Labor(MOEL) and Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency(KOSHA) conducted safety inspection in 27 regions and held ceremony on the 4th.
  - The first National Day for Safety Inspection was 4th April, 1996 after the Sungsoo bridge collapse, 1994 and ship fire in Busan, 1995, and it was for dissemination of safety culture throughout the country.
  - Every 4th of each month was designated as National Day for Safety Inspection to break a stereotype for number '4' as unfortunate figure. Since its beginning there have been 240 National Day for Safety Inspection and 18,452 safety inspections were conducted for workplace, school and public facilities so far.
- • • 「Workshop for Petrochemical Plant Safety Managers」 and 「Work-site Safety Inspection」 were held with about hundred of participants including Director of Industrial Accident Prevention and Compensation Bureau, Head of Ulsan local office of MOEL, President of KOSHA and officials from petrochemical plant.
  - The participants discussed on the recent chemical accident and its counter measures, and selected resolution for prevention at the 「Workshop for Petrochemical Plant Safety Managers」.
  - 「Work-site safety inspection」 was conducted at Korea Petrochemical ind. co., LTD's Onsan plant. The inspection was focused on △risk factor of regular operation and maintenance △systematic management of fire, explosion and leak and △maintenance system of chemical facility.
  - President of KOSHA said that 'not only every 4th of each month, but every single day is for safety inspection' and 'I hope safety check will be settled as habit in workplace'.



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President of KOSHA Young-soon Lee  
(Right behind)  
Director of Industrial Accident Prevention  
and Compensation Bureau Min-seok  
Si(Right front) at 'Workshop for  
petrochemical plant managers」



President of KOSHA Young-soon Lee and  
Director of Industrial Accident Prevention  
and Compensation Bureau Min-seok Si at  
safety inspection

