

“Confident of Reducing Industrial Accidents at Small-sized enterprises”

- **Job training is provided to personnel working in the program to support Small-sized enterprises with technology to protect worker safety and health.**
- **More than 850 people from over 230 organizations took part and completed the training over four days (April 4, 5, 6, and 11).**
- The Ministry of Employment and Labor (MOEL, Minister Lee Jung Sik) and the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA, President Ahn Jong-ju) are providing technical support free of charge to private sector agencies involved in accident prevention. This program is aimed at reducing fatal accidents at the worksites of small-scale corporations that lack adequate safety infrastructure.
- In January 2023, KOSHA recruited non-government agencies dedicated to accident prevention to participate in a project to support Small-sized enterprises with occupational safety and health technology. More than 310 of these agencies applied for the project, and over 230 were selected after passing a qualification inspection.
- Representatives from these private sector agencies are scheduled to visit the worksite of each small-scale enterprise at least twice (for a total of 400,000 visits) before the end of this year, providing them with technical support. Manufacturing operations with no more than ten employees, construction outfits that work on projects valued at under 100 million won, and service enterprises that employ a maximum of fifty people are targeted for this support, as they are considered to be at particularly high risk of accidents.
- The MOEL and KOSHA conducted four days of job training (on April 4, 5, 6, and 11) for the occupational safety and health managers who are tasked with visiting the selected worksites. This training is aimed at ensuring that the small-scale enterprises are provided with quality technology support. More than 850 trainees from over 230 agencies took part in the program.

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- The government aims to reduce the number of fatal accidents in Korean workplaces this year, and private sector agencies are tasked with risk assessment-based technical support in order to realize this goal. In essence, an industrial accident prevention service will be offered that accommodates the requirements and capabilities of the recipient enterprises.
- KOSHA President Ahn Jong-ju says: “We are providing high technical support related to occupational safety and health in order to reduce the number of persons killed in accidents at Small-sized enterprises. The Ministry of Employment and Labor and Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency are physically unable to inspect and provide guidance to all the workplaces in the country. Therefore, we have been working to involve excellent non-government agencies dedicated to accident prevention in order to ensure that more Small-sized enterprises are able to receive the technical support they need to boost their occupational safety and health efforts.”

