

Establishing Safety and Health Subject for Industrial-Workers-To-Be

- **KOSHA and Korea Tech signed an MOU**
- **Introducing occupational safety and health training as a part of vocational training course ... “Strengthening a sense of safety”**
 - Starting from next year, 870,000 industrial-workers-to-be will have an opportunity to go through occupational safety and health training as a part of their vocational training curriculum.
 - The Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA) and the Korea University of Technology and Education (Korea Tech) signed on MOU on the 21st last month at Korea Tech in order to newly start safety and health course at 3,500 vocational training institutes as a part of their training curriculum.
 - This is a cooperative project between the two organizations under the goal of reducing occupational accidents of less-skilled workers from various workplaces, working conditions and corporate culture. As of last year, new workers (less than 6 months of experience) accounted for 53.7% (57,528 workers) of the reported accidents among the entire 107,214 workers, and 60.4% (528 workers) among the total deaths due to accidents (874 workers). This suggests that those less-skilled workers are one of the major concerned groups to deal with according to the government’s Roadmap to Zero Workplace Fatality.

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- To that end, since last February, both organizations have been making an effort to establish the standards to create educational curriculum by NCS occupation as well as to create and distribute standard textbooks (4 types) and educational content.
- To provide needs-based tailored training in occupational safety and health, there will be an advancement of the guidelines to introduce safety and health training and new subjects to help vocational instructors build capability through risk analysis by types of occupation.
- President AHN, Jong-ju of KOSHA said, "This MOU signing has laid the foundation to reduce occupational accidents for the new workers. I hope this translates into safety at workplaces equals comfort for our citizens."

