

# **Help on the Way for Establishment of Asbestos Prohibition Policy in Vietnam**

## **Safe Management Technology for Asbestos Transferred to Delegations from Vietnamese Construction Department**

- KOSHA transferred its technology on safe management of asbestos to the visiting Vietnamese delegations and discussed future cooperative measures to promote occupational safety and health on March 14th.
  - With increasing asbestos-related diseases, Vietnam, one of the nations very actively using asbestos, is in desperate need of policies restricting the use of asbestos as well as related diseases.
  - Subsequently, the Vietnamese Department of Construction recently dispatched its delegations in order to gain assistances in establishing related policies by benchmarking the policies and technologies on safe management of asbestos in Korea and Japan through the cooperation from the Vietnamese Office of WHO.
  - KOSHA taught the Vietnamese delegations on safe management technologies for asbestos including △ collection and analysis methods for asbestos fibers and △ practical training on dissolution and removal of materials containing asbestos.
  - In addition, KOSHA discussed measures to promote continuous exchanges and cooperation between the two nations in order to help elevating occupational safety and health in Asian developing countries.

- Chu-moon Lee, Vice President for Education and Culture at KOSHA, said, “We sincerely hope KOSHA’s technologies on safe management of asbestos to be helpful to practically mitigate asbestos-related diseases by helping out establishing legislations prohibiting the use of asbestos in Vietnam.”
- Meanwhile, KOSHA has concluded agreements with 9 Asian nations, including Vietnam and Mongolia, to promote occupational safety and health in developing countries and has also been offering technical consultations and invitational training programs since 2011.
  - Especially, KOSHA opened a training center for occupational safety and health in Son Ty City near Hanoi, Vietnam by investing a total of ₩10.6 billion KRW together with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs Ministry of Vietnam.