## Close and Locally customized assistance

## KOSHA adds branch office in Mok-po to assist some 170,000 workers in 20,000 work places

KOSHA opened Mok-po branch office on Feb. 26, to pursue prevention activities effectively within Jeon-nam area.

The office, located in Mu-an, Jeon-nam province, implements prevention activities covering 8 regions in the province: Yeong-am, Mu-an, Jang-heung, Gang-jin, Hae-nam, Shin-an, Wan-do and Jin-do.

The rural province has 12 industrial complexes where large scaled government construction project is ongoing. Around 179,000 workers are working there in some 22,890 work places, recording 1.1 higher injury rates than national average of 0.65%.

There, small-sized work places account for 90% of the whole establishments.

In that sense, the newly opened Mok-po branch office would assist especially small-sized work places with prevention fund, technical training and education, which are usually lack of room to prevent accidents.

President Hun-ki Baek of KOSHA and head of the regional prevention organizations celebrated the opening in Feb. 26, held together with 'Making a safe work place' convention and signboard hanging ceremony.

The Mok-po branch office that follows the opening of Dae-gu branch officen on Feb, 20, is the result of KOSHA's movement to provide close and regionally specified assistance.

President Hun-ki Baek said "Opening of the Mok-po branch office would serve as an opportunity to extend the infrastructure of OSH assistance in Jeon-nam western area.", expressing his expectations towards reduced injury cases and enhanced safety level.



President Hun-ki Baek(4<sup>th</sup> from the left) and other participants are taking a picture at the opening ceremony.