

‘Intensive Support for Preventing Accidents in the Work Places of the Newly Established’

Risk Assessment Consulting and Provision of Customized Safety and Health Manual for Newly Established Businesses

○ KOSHA (President Hun-ki Baek) is intensively supporting newly established businesses that can hardly spare their resources for safety and health through risk assessment consulting, customized safety and health manual, funding, and safety and health training to prevent accidents. Newly established businesses can be easily exposed to a number of industrial accidents as they can hardly spare their financial resources and time on preventing accidents and this KOSHA decided to intensively support them to develop safety and health infrastructure.

○ According to the analysis of more or less than 2 year old businesses, companies that are 2 years old or younger showed higher accident rate than companies that are older, and the manufacturer when divided by the type of business and large work places when divided by the size showed higher accident rate.

○ Under the circumstances, KOSHA decided to select businesses exhibiting high risks and provide them with the risk assessment consulting on hazard and risk factors and the customized safety and health manual concerning the equipment and facility available in each work place along with safety and health training for workers. Furthermore, KOSHA is providing manufacturers with less than 50

employees and small and medium service industries that need to improve their safety facilities and work environment with maximum 20 million won subsidy and covering 50% of the cost and companies with less than 10 employees without much financial resources, 70% of the cost.

○ KOSHA is publishing and distributing the 「Safety and Health Manual for Newly Established Businesses」 containing basic safety and health information that the newly established medium to small companies with less than 50 employees. This booklet can be found in the 'Hot Issue' corner of the KOSHA homepage, and major contents cover how to provide safety and health training to workers, safety and health signs required in each type of work place, protective gears that must be worn for each operation, guidelines on the use of chemical substances, standard for the imposition of penalties for the violation of the Industrial Safety and Health Act, and measures that must be taken when an industrial accident occurs.

○ “Young companies, the ones less than 2 years old, have great difficulties in developing an infrastructure for preventing accident,” said a KOSHA official, “KOSHA will make efforts to enhance corporate competitiveness and reduce industrial accidents by fully and intensively supporting these companies this year.” (End)