

# **Large food distributors move together for workers' OSH**

**KOSHA signs agreement with 9 food distributors on preventing injuries, and promotes building OSH system for some 15,000 partner companies**

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President Hun-ki Baek of KOSHA signed MOU on preventing injuries in the food distributing sector, with representatives from 9 large food distributors including CJ Fresh Way, on May 20.

The MOU signed as the large distributor are required to have prevention policies for their partner companies, would help the large conglomerates to promote safety and health of workers in not only headquarters but partner companies.

Those 9 large distributors that signed are: CJ Fresh Way, ECMD, Dongwon Home Food, Lotte Food, Shinsegae Food, Our Home, Arakor, Hanhwa Hotel and Resort and Hyundai Green Food.

As for the food distributors, they largely depend on their partner companies while workers at the partner companies lack of OSH management. In particular, workers at partner companies are widely exposed to injuries such as burning during cooking, falling on the slippery floor, cutting, amputation and puncture by cookware.

In that sense, president Baek decided to sign the MOU with the 9 food distributors to help them promote safety and health of workers in the food industry.

The MOU also encourages the food distributors to set up OSH system for some 15,000 partner companies.

After the MOU, KOSHA develops and provides standard model of risk assessment customized by sectors, supporting the headquarters and partner companies to set joint OSH program. The agency also plans to give technical assistance for them to establish OSH management system.

Meanwhile KOSHA is beginning joint campaigns through which it can encourage workers in the related industry to be committed to preventing injuries, and help CEOs to promote OSH by putting it on its top priority.

President Baek said that “It is very meaningful that those 9 representing companies move together for the safety and health of workers in the food industry.” adding that he would spare no effort to advance the OSH status of the food distributing industry through this MOU.



President Hun-ki Baek(5<sup>th</sup> from the left) is taking a photo after signing the MOU