

Accident prevention plans for electronic and semiconductor industry

MOEL and KOSHA hosted OSH leadership conference for the electronic and semiconductor industry to find major accident prevention measures

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The Ministry of Employment and Labor and KOSHA hosted OSH Leadership Conference with OSH leaders from 11 electronic and semiconductor companies on Oct. 23 in Daejeon.

The conference, also attended by KOSHA president and director of Industrial Accident Prevention and Compensation Bureau of the MOEL, was to discuss major accidents prevention measures.

The electronic and semiconductor industries this year have seen a series of major industrial accidents caused by hazardous chemical leakages, making the MOEL host a discussion meeting on May 8 with 31 chief executives from the electronic and semiconductor industries.

Participants of the conference checked results of the pledges from the May discussion meeting and discussed sharing of best practices and future plans.

Among the plans that showed good results in terms of investment and system are fostering a corporate culture of following safety standards, more investment into a safety culture, strengthening safety and health teams, and more involvement in OSH activities by suppliers. Direct participation of chief executives in OSH activities needs to be improved further.

During the conference, the director of the IAPC explained and asked support for the Major Industrial Accidents Prevention Measures, which is mainly about chief executives leading employees to follow safety rules and giving more responsibility to principal employers when they outsource hazardous works.

“KOSHA is committed to major accident prevention. Newly established Major Accident Prevention Department at KOSHA, Accident Investigation Board with scholars and experts, and MOUs with accident prevention organizations are good examples,” Baek Hun-ki, the president of KOSHA, said. “Chief executives and top management need to show stronger commitments to accident prevention and following safety rules.”

