

KOSHA helps Vietnam develop OSH competency

₩3.8 bn worth 3-year support program for Vietnam's OSH competency launched

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Support program for Vietnam's OSH competency, part of the Official Development Aid for developing countries, is now in full swing.

KOSHA and Korea International Cooperation Agency or KOICA on Oct. 23 had a kickoff meeting in Hanoi for a support program named Enhancing Development Capacity of the Occupational Safety and Health Center of Vietnam.

The program is for an occupational safety and health center located in Sơn Tây, not far from Hanoi, which is now under remodeling. The center will receive KOSHA's support under the program till 2016.

A total of 10 billion won will be injected for the program, 3.8 billion won of which will be from Korea's ODA fund.

Among the items KOSHA will donate to Vietnam are 13 types of facilities for experience training centers, 30 units of industrial equipment for practice, and training bus. KOSHA will also help develop training curriculums and material and nurture lecturers.

At the kickoff meeting, Director General for Training and Public Relations Lim Seung-up from KOSHA gave a report about the project to a 100-strong audience including Vietnam's Deputy Minister of Labor, Invalids, and Social Affairs Bui Hong Linh and KOICA's Vietnamese office head.

"For the spirit of Korea's Government 3.0 plan, KOSHA will step up its efforts to give aid and support to the international community by sharing its experiences and strengthening cooperative relations with other countries," Mr. Lim said.

KOSHA reached a technical cooperation agreement in 2009 with the Ministry of Labor, Invalids, and Social Affairs, Vietnamese counterpart of the Ministry of Employment and Labor of Korea and since then, it has been giving support and aid to Vietnam including inviting Vietnamese public servants to Korea for trainings.

"This program hopefully helps Vietnam learn about Korea's excellent OSH policies and accident prevention know-how and contributes to the safety and health of Vietnamese," Kim In, KOICA's Vietnamese office head, expressed his hope.



Mr. Lim (8th from the left) is posing along with other participants.