

## Accident prevention plans for the steel industry

KOSHA and Posco had an accident prevention meeting with 19 other steel companies

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Answers are indeed in the field: A meeting was arranged to find accident prevention measures for the steel industry with officials from the field.

Officials from KOSHA including President Baek Hun-ki, paid a visit to Posco, No.1 steel maker in Korea, located in Pohang, North Gyeongsan Province on Nov. 5 to see work environment and have a meeting with 19 other steel companies in the region.

The meeting came after the death of 5 people working at a steel factory in Dangjin, South Chungchung Province in May and was to find accident prevention measures for the steel industry.

Pohang, home to about 500 steel companies that handle harmful substances and heavy machines and equipment, are exposed to potential hazards, thus required to come up with safety and health plans for subcontractors engaged in maintenance and repair works.

The meeting, attended by OSH leaders from three major steel makers-Posco, Hyundai Steel, and Dongkuk Steel-and their suppliers, discussed steel makers' OSH support for suppliers and accident prevention activities of suppliers.

This meeting was a follow-up of the OSH leadership conference hosted by the Ministry of Employment and Labor and KOSHA in October where participants discussed serious accident prevention plans and joint OSH program between large companies and their suppliers.

“KOSHA is committed to reducing occupational accidents by sharing relevant information and improvement plans with the field as the Government 3.0 plan dictates us,” Mr. Baek said.