

Selecting Excellent PPE for the Safety of Workers

KOSHA holds the 21st Quality Grand Prize Show for Protection Apparatuses and Protection Hats. Manufacturers of Protection Apparatuses and Protection Hats can Apply.

- ☐ KOSHA will hold the 『Protection apparatus · Protection Hats Quality Grand Prize Show』 to develop and award excellent safety products that are in use occupational sites.
- ☐ The Quality Grand Prize Show, which is in its 21st year, aims at inducing distribution and use of more safe products in occupational sites, thereby contributing to prevention of occupational disasters.
- ☐ All shields, protection apparatuses and hazardous electrical machinery and apparatuses, that acquired safety certifications before the application due date under the Occupation Safety and Health Act can apply to the Show.
 - * However, any product that received a prize in the past or any product of which the safety certification had been cancelled as a result of special inspection conducted by the Ministry of Employment and Labor will be excluded.
- ☐ KOSHA will evaluate the product shapes and appearances, structures and functional inventiveness, and convenience of use of all the products submitted for competition, and award prizes and plaques to 8 product types in 4 categories.
- ☐ A grand prize(the highest prize) of 2 million won will be awarded to 1 product; a disaster prevention innovation prize of 1 million won will be awarded to 1 product; a top prize of 1 million won will be awarded to 3 products, and second prize of 500 thousand won will be awarded to 3 products together with the respective plaques.

- ☐ Last year, 40 products of 27 companies were submitted for competition. The grand prize was awarded to the protective clothing that proved its protection performance for all body parts for more than 1 hour against 15 types of chemical materials required under the safety certification product evaluation; the disaster prevention innovation prize was awarded to a total of 8 products including the 'safety hat' that showed improved working conditions such as in reduction of internal temperature of the safety hat using impact absorption blocks instead of the conventional Styrofoam absorption material.
- ☐ The result of the competition will be posted on the KOSHA website in June, and the products that win the awards will be exhibited at the KISS Exhibition Hall in COEX in July.
- ☐ Further, KOSHA is planning to exhibit the products that win the awards in the promotion exhibition hall in the headquarters of KOSHA all year round, and start posting, producing and distributing promotion brochures on the website as well, in order to let the public know the excellence of these products.
- ☐ For more details, please contact the website of KOSHA or call 052-703-0957 (telephone number of the official in charge of the Quality Grand Prize Show)
- ☐ KOSHA officials said that "the purpose of the quality grand prize show is to make sure that highly safe products can be distributed in the occupational sites. Besides the quality grand prize show, KOSHA will endeavor to provide financial support to R&D of excellent products so that workers can work in more safe environments."(End.)