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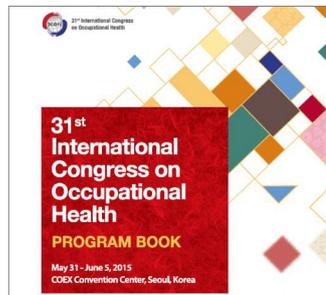
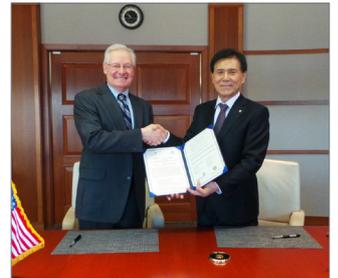
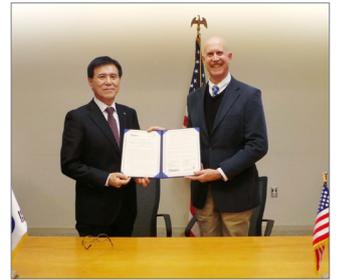
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# New Vision Proclamation Ceremony

## Happy Partner of Workers, Top Leader in Accident Prevention

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March 6, 2015

KOSHA held a vision proclamation ceremony on March 6th, which suggests innovative, new vision and future direction for safety and health, at its headquarters and proposed strategies to reach an OSH level on a par with that of advanced countries.

At the ceremony, President Lee, Young-soon of KOSHA announced 'Happy Partner of Workers, Top Leader in Occupational Accident Prevention' as a new vision and set a goal 'to reach 0.3‰ level of fatality rate per 10,000 people by 2019'.

In Korea, about 90,000 people suffer occupational accidents and we lose more than 900 of the precious lives from work-related accidents each year. Along with the vision, KOSHA proposed 4 major strategies and 12 strategic tasks to achieve the vision goal.

The 4 major strategies for meeting the vision goal are 1) Enhancement of Needs-oriented capacity to react OSH

aspects; 2) Reinforcement of Self-regulatory OSH management installation; 3) Dissemination of OSH culture; and 4) Strengthening of Future growth engine. 'Systematize occupational accidents by fields vulnerable to the accidents'; 'promote health of workers and make workplace better and safer' are included in the 12 strategic tasks on which KOSHA will put emphasis.

Through his statement, President Lee

mentioned "I expect today's ceremony will become opportunities to spread the value of respect for human life as well as to escalate a culture of safety and health to the level of that of advanced countries." He added "With the proposal of the new vision, KOSHA will do our utmost to become one of the world-renowned organizations with professional competency to prevent occupational accidents" as well. 



# Special Events at ICOH Congress 2015

## 1. Policy Forum (Global Policy Forum/ Asian Policy Forum)

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Policy Forum will provide a platform for dialogue among experts to ensure safe and healthy environment for workers all around the world.

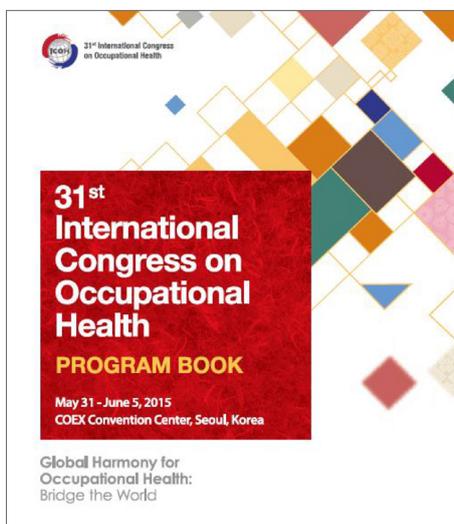
Come and join the forum to talk about future strategy and new plan for occupational health with representatives from international organizations, labor policy specialist, and occupational health policy makers from each continent.

### Global Policy Forum

- Date : June 2 (Tue.), 11:00-13:00
- Venue : Auditorium (3F), COEX
- Chair : Dr. Kazutaka Kogi (ICOH),  
Dr. Jorma Rantanen (FIOH)

### Asian Policy Forum

- Date : June 1 (Mon.), 15:00-17:40
- Venue : 401 (4F), COEX
- Chair : Ms. Ingrid Christensen  
(ILO, Sr. Specialist)



### Policy Forum Address

- [http://www.icoh2015.org/eng/sub/program/detaild03\\_02.php](http://www.icoh2015.org/eng/sub/program/detaild03_02.php)

## 2. Director's Forum

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Director's Forum will present the opportunity to learn research activities and strategies of major occupational safety

and health research institutes over the world.

Join the forum to meet directors from the world's leading research institutes and share insights with them.

- Date : June 2 (Tue.) & June 4 (Thu.),  
14:15-17:30
- Venue : Grand Ballroom 103 (1F), COEX

## 3. The International Safety and Health Exhibition

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The International Safety and Health Exhibition is a high-level event which brings together organizers, sponsors, international organizations (ICOH, WHO, ILO, etc.) and over 50 leading companies who have state-of-the-art equipment and analysis (measurement) methods.

- Date : June 1 (Mon.) - June 4 (Thu.), 2015
- Venue : Hall D1 (3F), COEX

# Special Events at ICOH Congress 2015



## • Exhibition Items

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- High-tech technology and accident prevention equipment and protective equipment
- Latest equipment to measure and analyze occupational environment
- Creative ergonomic equipment to prevent musculoskeletal diseases
- Fire and explosion preventive equipment including gas leakage detector, electric explosion proof, etc.
- Up-to-date safety & health services and consulting
- Latest safety & health education and training, software, periodicals, etc.
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- Promotion of international organizations and international safety & health related institutions
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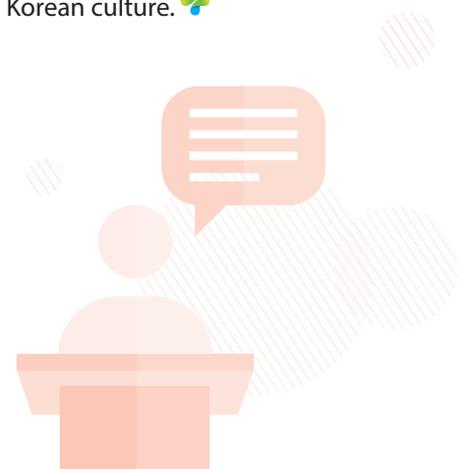
## • Enjoy at the Exhibition

- The Exhibition place gives you the opportunity to take a rest at cafes with unique themes by sharing the latest trend in global occupational safety and health.
- **ICOH Cafeteria** : You can buy various foods and beverages such as coffee, tea, soft drink, cookies, sandwiches, etc.
- **ICOH Plaza** : Any participants can enjoy Korea's unique culture of 'pyeong sang', a low wooden bench, in which participants can sit and lie down to take a rest.
- **Media Café** : See and enjoy various types of media content including videos about safety and health and K-Pop.
- **Internet Café** : You can get free internet access in the Internet Café equipped with laptops, table PC, and printers.

- **Book Café** : Safety and health booklets published by KOSHA will be available in the Book Café, where participants also can share their books with others.

- **Study Café** : Whenever you want to discuss with others, use the Study Café in which tables are available for group discussion.

- Seoul Tourism Organization will provide various experience programs of Korean culture. 



# Professional consulting on Asbestos disposal and removal for safer small-scale workplace

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March 27, 2015

KOSHA drafted 30 professional consultants to secure the safety of small-scale disposal or removal of asbestos and provides consulting to 5,000 workplaces nationwide by the end of 2015. The consultant team of this year is formed with asbestos management license holders, those who majored in asbestos management and seasoned workers in handling asbestos.

The process of the consulting includes checking and advising on the conditions of well-sealed; proper wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE); and compliance of safety rules and regulation through on-site visit. In particular, the consultants thoroughly check the propriety of work plan; the compliance of work procedure; quality and utilization of equipment; management of human resources and work history.

On-site technical support will be delivered with regard to respects feasible to be improved immediately. In case the result of consulting shows that the site does not meet the legal requirement or that workers or neighbors are at high risk of asbestos exposures, it will be reported to the competent local authority for requesting administrative actions.

Asbestos is a group 1 carcinogen substances once used as an insulation material in building construction. In Korea, the government banned the manufacture, import, sale, storage, transport or use of asbestos or any substance containing more than 0.1% of asbestos since 2009. President LEE mentioned "KOSHA will spare no effort to eradicate blind spot of safety on asbestos disposal and removal work site by enhancing technical support." 



# KOSHA awarded Excellent, the highest rating in the 2014 Partnerships Evaluation

KOSHA was given 'Excellent', the highest rating in '2014 Partnerships of Public Institution Evaluation.'

The Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy and Korean Commission for Corporate Partnership have conducted the evaluation annually since 2007. The purpose of this event is to encourage public institutions to take a lead in partnerships and cooperation. Among 4 grades of the evaluation, Excellent, Good, Fair, and Poor, KOSHA was rated on the top grade, Excellent, in the evaluation of targeting 59 public institutions.

Last year, KOSHA organized a task force taking full charge of promoting cooperation for SMEs, drew up 60% of all budgets for the promotion, and integrated 'cooperation-centered' approach into the management policy of KOSHA. This was highly estimated when it comes to having higher willingness to promote win-win growth. In particular, the effort of KOSHA has been spotlighted on promoting partnerships and setting up the 4 major strategic tasks followed by enterprise-wide co-prosperity to make all social stake holders to actively participate in the occupational health market.

The efforts of KOSHA for the co-prosperity include running programs for coexistence and collaboration as well as an OSH leaders' group; lending financial assistance to SMEs in OSH matters; establishing a self-regulatory OSH management capacity of SMEs through Risk Assessment; strengthening abilities of partners aiming at small and medium sized accident prevention; etc.

A staff of KOSHA mentioned "The result proves that KOSHA has implemented fruitful activities by establishing a unique model for win-win growth and putting plans into

actions." The staff added "Taking this as a stepping stone, KOSHA will solidify its status as a leading organization in co-prosperity by complementing and improving the system we have promoted in the years to come." 



# KOSHA extended an MOU with NIOSH for Accident prevention

March 10, 2015

KOSHA extended an MOU with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on March 10 at the headquarters of NIOSH located in Washington D.C. in the United States.

This is the extension of an MOU created in 2012. It has been 20 years since KOSHA first created the MOU in 1996 and has maintained close relations with NIOSH through technical cooperation.

Taking this MOU extension as a momentum, the both organization will keep their cooperation as well as will find new measures for further collaboration.

In accordance with the MOU, KOSHA and NIOSH will work together by exchanging human and technical resources, holding experts inviting workshop, and conducting joint researches.

At the ceremony, President Lee, Young-soon asked NIOSH to show active support for the 31st International Congress on Occupational Health which will be held at the end of May this year in Korea. 



President Lee, Young-soon of KOSHA (left) and Director John Howard of NIOSH (right) is holding an MOU document.

# KOSHA signed MOU with ASSE for cooperation

March 13, 2015

KOSHA created an MOU for technical cooperation in the OSH field with American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE, Executive Director Fred J. Fortman) on March 13th, at the headquarters of ASSE in Chicago, U.S.

As an international non-profit organization, ASSE has exercised its influence to the world by setting international OSH standards since 1911. The organization's membership consists of some 36,000 members who are experts or professionals in the field of occupational safety and health or environment.

KOSHA and ASSE will work together to develop OSH information for workers; participate in symposium and conference; exchange knowledge and skills on OSH standard and regulations in accordance with the MOU.

As of 2015, KOSHA has created MOUs with 51 government and professional organizations on occupational accident prevention from 27 countries such as U.S., U.K., Germany and France.

President Lee Young-soon said "Taking this MOU creation with ASSE as a momentum, KOSHA will solidify global OSH networks and cooperation and escalate the safety and health level

in Korea through technology exchange. I am positive that this would help KOSHA to truly become a world-renowned specialized organization for accident prevention." 

