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Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA, President Ahn Jong-ju) visited the Ssangyong Remicon Co. plant-site at Seongnam, Gyeonggi Province. The inspectors examined the current state of risk assessment activities and inspected the degree to which the self-regulated accident prevention program was being spread to worksites.

The inspection on this occasion indicates the importance of establishing the self-regulated accident prevention program, which is a key component of the roadmap for reducing serious accidents in the workplace that was announced at the end of last year. The visit was performed to determine how well worksite-oriented risk assessment is being carried out.

The Ssangyong Remicon plant in Seongnam produces ready-mixed concrete. KOSHA officials were here in 2022 to provide consulting support on building a system for managing worker safety and health concerns, and thanks to their assistance, the operation was recognized as an exemplary workplace for risk assessment for the year.

The establishment and operational status of the self-regulated accident prevention program, a key component of risk assessment activities, were examined at the worksite on this day, to include how well harmful/ risk factors have been identified and what improvement measures have been created. The inspection also covered the degree to which the workers are participating in the risk assessment activities.

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Also under inspection were the worker safety and health measures being taken with respect to the facilities and processes for producing ready-mixed concrete. The inspectors listened to the opinions of people onsite regarding ways to improve the risk assessment program.

KOSHA president Ahn Jong-ju stressed that risk assessment is a key measure for the self-regulated prevention system. He went on to announce, “We will work to expand the participation of labor and management so that risk assessment activities can be easily and simply conveyed to the workers on the industrial sites and to step up preoperational safety inspections.”

