

Konkuk University hospital first to win the safety and health management system

contribute to ensure fundamental OSH for workers and patients

30th May



<President Hun-ki Baek(Second from left) took a picture with Director Yang of Konkuk university hospital>

KOSHA(President Hun-ki Baek) certified Konkuk university hospital for its efforts to set up a comprehensive safety and health management system including: safety policies for hospital facilities and equipment; workers' health promotion activities; boosting awareness of safety and health of the executives.

The hospital received the KOSHA 18001 on 30 May, being the first winner as a medical organization.

*KOSHA: Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency

<Certification ceremony>

△ time: 10:00 on Wed, 30 May, 2012

△ venue: meeting room on the 12th floor at Konkuk university hospital

△ participants: President Hun-ki Baek, Director Yang of Konkuk university hospital and others

KOSHA has been giving KOSHA 18001 which is an advanced OSH control system, since 1999. The agency goes through review of management strategy, risk assessment, improvement activities

and workers' consult towards candidate companies comprehensively to certify the best among them.

As of now 1,113 enterprises have been certified and this is the first time that a medical organization received it.

※ Enterprises certified with KOSHA 18001 reports decreased occupational accident rates by over 20% compared to those who were not. In addition, they are usually enjoying reduced premium of workers' compensation, improved labor management relations and increased awareness about their own company.

KOSHA reviewed OSH manual and guidelines for the hospital's room and injection room, evaluating cleaning team and partner of the hospital. Also the agency identified safety and health management policies of the hospital through interviewing of executives. The hospital applied for the certification July last year and finally received the it after the whole process of review and inspection.

Taking this opportunity, the Konkuk university hospital plans to provide rehabilitation medical team with wrist protector and to distribute patient transportation team with lumbar pads in an effort to prevent musculoskeletal disorders for workers.

A person from Safety Certification Department said "I hope to see hospitals promote fundamental safety and health with OSH management system and this certification will be a chance to improve safety of workers as well as patients."

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