

Workers' medical center opens in Bucheon

The center provides medical service free of charge for workers in SMEs with fewer than 50 workers

Medical center that cares workers' health opens in Bucheon to provide health care programs and help the workers prevent occupational illnesses, free of charge.

President Hun-ki Baek joined the opening ceremony of the center located in Ojeong-gu, Bucheon-si, Gyeonggi province on May 20.

The Bucheon Workers' Medical Center would serve workers working at small-sized work places in Bucheon Industrial Complex.

Major services are: consulting on occupational diseases and work-related stress; assessing job suitability; dealing with musculoskeletal disorders, provided by psychology counselors, nurses, occupational physicians, occupational hygiene experts and physical therapists.

The services provided by the center are available for those who are working at small sized work places regardless of types of work they are in. The center also gives visit for workers to receive a series of services once employers apply for the training or counseling service for their workers. Further, workers can use the center after the work.

The first Workers' Medical Centers open in Incheon, Gwangju, and Siheung in 2011 followed by two more in Daegu and Ghangwon. This year, the number of centers will reach 10 as 5 more have opened this year alone including the Bucheon center.

A related person from KOSHA said "As many of the Workers' Medical Centers open in industrial complexes, they would give better access for workers in work places less than fifty workers who do not have enough time and money to take care of themselves.



President Baek (the 8th from the left) is taking picture at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Bucheon Workers' Medical Center.