

# **Fill up the safety of gas station**

## **KOSHA signed MOU with KOSA**

KOSHA now supports gas stations to prevent injuries and boost safety of the facilities there.

President Hun-ki Baek signed MOU with president Moon-sik Kim of KOSA (Korea Oil Station Association) on May 22 for creating safe and clean gas stations.

The MOU was signed in the building of KOSA located in Ban-po, Seoul and both parties agreed to focus on preventing fire and explosion, collisions of cars, crushes in the car washer and boosting health of workers in the gas station.

In November 2012, an accident occurred in a gas station located in Geo-yeo, Seoul, burned two workers who were cleaning the tank truck in the basement.

Also, in 2011, fire and explosion in another gas station killed four who were washing their cars and hurted three. Leak of the oil mist is suspected to be the cause of the accident. On the same day, oil mist leaked and two were injured due to following fire and explosion in a gas station located in Hwa-sung.

These accidents led to encourage KOSHA to enhance safety of facilities in the gas station which are widely exposed to dangers of fire and explosion, and promote health of workers there through the MOU.

According to the MOU, KOSHA will implement prevention activities for around 13,000 gas stations nationwide, the members of KOSA.

Major prevention activities are: supporting risk assessment and consulting; financial assistance for improving work environment; developing and distributing OSH materials; carrying out prevention campaigns; assisting specific medical check-up of workers in the gas station.

President Baek said that recent series of fires and explosions show the importance of prevention, adding that he expects this MOU will serve as an opportunity to secure safety of filling up facilities and protect health of workers in the gas stations.



President Baek(4<sup>th</sup> from the left) is taking a photo with related people after signing MOU with KOSA