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## The 50th occupational Safety & Health Day:

### Declaration of Paradigm Shift of occupational Safety

– Declaration of President Moon Jae-in through video message

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- The event for the 50th Safety and Health Week was held from July 3rd to the 7th at COEX, participated in by 250,000 workers, business proprietors and the general public.
  - \* Since 1968, the first Monday of the first week of July has been designated as "Safety and Health Day" and the corresponding whole week, as "Safety and Health Week" to give wider publicity to people, regarding the importance of safety.
  
- At the ceremony of the 50th Safety and Health Day held on July 3rd, **President Moon Jae-in clarified "the message of occupational safety and health policies of the new government" on video**
  - \* For the last five decades, this kind of Presidential video message has been unprecedented. In 1984, only the Prime Minister participated in the 17th ceremony.
  
- **President Moon Jae-in**, while mentioning that the primary value of the government lies in protecting lives of our people, **emphasized that no other value can be prioritized more than lives and safety of workers** and declared a paradigm shift for occupational safety.

- President Moon made it clear that the main contractors and ordering companies must be responsible for hazards caused on industrial sites and **"the industrial sites with fatal accidents will be forced to suspend all on-going tasks until safety is assured again."**

\* Reference of attachment 1 of Presidential video message

- **Many who participated in the ceremony made a resolution to focus on future-oriented occupational safety and health.** The participants constituting **the representatives of labor-management-private-public sectors and more than 1,000 citizens** included the Federation of Korean Trade Unions, Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, Korea Employers Federation, Safe Life Citizen Union and the Vice-Minister of Employment and Labor (Lee Sung-ki).
- The Ministry of Employment and Labor as well as Korea Occupational Safety & Health Agency clarified that they had **prepared a variety of events encouraging the participation of people**, to let the citizens know of the importance of occupational safety and health, and facilitate their easy access to it in the course of preparing the event of 50th Safety and Health Week.
- The main slogan of the event was defined as **"Looking after safety and health together & Creating the happy future together"**, symbolizing that business proprietors, workers, and all citizens have been maintaining safety together, and the maintained safety and health will bring all of us a happy future.

- **The events encouraging the participation of people** constituted diverse activities; by inviting well-known people in the society and celebrities, focused on the theme of safety of industrial sites and our society, we organized a special lecture "Sebasi (Change the World in 15 minutes)", safety-related theater, CBS music open broadcasting, UCC contest related to safety and health, contest of academic papers of college and graduate school students, and Quiz for foreigners.
- We operated "History Pavilion of safety and health of 50 years" and "exhibition hall" allowing the panoramic view of the development of safety and health policies as well as the progress of products of safety facilities such as industrial protectors.
- ▲ The Safety Week will include diverse activities; ▲ International symposium under the theme of "50 years of prevention of occupational accidents: The mission for future safety and health", where many experts in safety and health from around the world will participate including the President of the International Social Security Association (ISSA), the Vice-President of Disaster Insurance Association of Germany (DGUV), and the Director of The French Institute for Research and Security (INRS) of France.
- ▲ 35 different seminars under the professional themes required in the industrial sites such as the Industry 4.0 and occupational health.
- ▲ Competitive exhibition of 16 exemplary cases such as excellent cases of symbiosis and cooperation in terms of safety and health between main contractors and subcontractors.

- ▲ "Leader conference by type of industry", where safety responsible executives of large companies by type of industry will participate for discussing the autonomous safety management including the industry sectors such as automobile, steel, logistics, shipbuilding and construction.
  - \* Reference of attachment 2 on detailed schedule for the events of 50th Safety and Health Week
- Further information regarding this event is available on the homepage of the 50th Safety and Health Week (<http://www.safetyweek.or.kr>).
- In the ceremony, 24 people received **the prize of the Vice-Minister of Employment and Labor (Yi Sung-ki)**, in contributing to the merits of prevention of occupational accidents. The winners were selected through a fair and strict evaluation process of the government.
- The main winners:
  - **Choi Shi-don, CEO of Simmtech Co., Ltd.** won the Bronze Medal of occupational Merit, for having successfully established autonomous management system of safety and health based on active investment in prevention of occupational accidents and cooperation between main contractors and subcontractors despite the difficult situations that arose in the process.
  - **Kwon Ki-chan, Head of Production Division of KHT Engineering Co., Ltd.** won the Steel Medal of occupational Merit, for having led in improvement activities by inducing risk evaluation activities where workers participate in exploring harmful risk factors by process.

- **Professor Kim Hyeon-wook of the Catholic University of Korea** won the Fifth-grade Medal of Merit, for having actively established the policy of asbestos management in the work field by participating in the enactment of norms regarding occupational and health standards related to asbestos such as dissolution and elimination work management of asbestos-based buildings.
- The occupational Award was bestowed upon three people; **Chang Young-gil, CEO of Hanmi Fine Chemical Corporation, Lee Yong-ju, CEO of Youngwoo Co., Ltd and Lee Shin-young, Safety Environment Team leader of Yeosu Plant of KCC Corporation**, for having contributed to the prevention of industrial disasters through improving the standard of safety and health of industrial sites.
  - \* Reference of attachment 3 regarding the list of award winners and merits (It is scheduled to be posted on the homepage of the Ministry of Employment and Labor)