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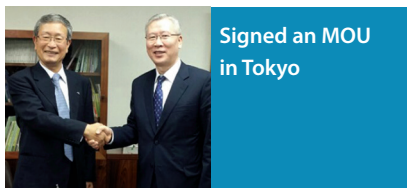


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August 26, 2014


KOSHA held an international symposium under the theme of 'Establishing a prevention culture' on 25 August 2014 at an international conference hall, in Frankfurt, Germany.

Baek, Hun-ki, president of KOSHA, gave a presentation on 'the definition and activities of a culture of prevention' at the symposium attended by about 100 global OSH experts.

At his speech, president Baek mentioned "an effort to settle a culture of prevention is a shortcut to realize decent employment; strengthen business competitiveness; and contribute to national economic development." He also introduced major activities of KOSHA to enhance the culture of prevention.

At the symposium, director of Partnership Program Department of KOSHA announced the progress of developing 'Prevention Culture Indicator', an application which is under development as well as the performance of 'Find Accident', an application which is designed and developed for the sake of sharing major occupational accident information worldwide.

In addition, representatives from Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH, U.K.), Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité (INRS, France), Australia, Hong Kong, India, and other countries introduced their major activities for a culture of prevention.

The symposium was hosted in conjunction with 'XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work' held for 4 days in Frankfurt, Germany. KOSHA, as the chair organization of International Section of the ISSA for a Culture of Prevention, hosted a Bureau meeting of the Section as well. 



KOSHA solidifies cooperation with JISHA

Signed an MOU in Tokyo


August 28, 2014

KOSHA signed an MOU with Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JISHA), a Japanese occupational accident prevention institution, on August 28 in Tokyo, Japan.

With this agreement, KOSHA and JISHA will strengthen mutual cooperation for the development of educational training curriculum and materials for training on OSH. Both bodies will concentrate efforts to exchange information such as technical materials and data, etc.

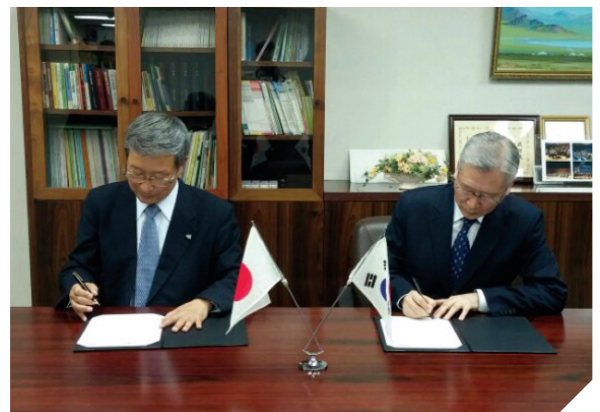
In line with this, they agreed on the activation of personal exchange and cooperation for R&D such as dispatching OSH experts for training and benchmarking.

KOSHA and JISHA have made mutual cooperation since 1998 and the MOU will be a steppingstone to solidify their conciliation.

KOSHA has provided domestic occupational accident prevention officers with training in collaboration with JISHA, opening a new training course for safety of forklift and aerial work platform work in Korea. The organizations have also exchanged facilities' materials and technical information on safety of press work. 



President Baek Hun-ki of KOSHA (right) signed the MOU with president Hideaki Sekizawa of JISHA (left)



President Baek (right) and president Sekizawa (left) are signing the MOU.

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JISHA



“China-Korea safety and health technical cooperation”

KOSHA held seminar with SAWS

Discuss on collaboration
on OSH R&D for both nations

September 18, 2014



KOSHA officials and SAWS officials attending at the seminar are posing for a commemorative photograph [Director General Gwon, Hyeok-myeon of Occupational Safety and Health Research Institute (fifth from the left); Vice Minister, Yang Yuanyuan of SAWS (sixth from the left)]


KOSHA hosted ‘OSH seminar’ with State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS) at the Seoul Regional Office of KOSHA.

SAWS is a Chinese governmental organization which carries out safety and health related supervision and inspection. The Vice Minister and other 5 OSH officials of SAWS attended at the seminar.

SAWS gave presentations on “China’s OSH technology R&D system” and “China’s safety technology research and application cases.”

KOSHA delivered presentations on “Korea’s OSH R&D system” and “Korea’s safety technology research and application cases.”

At the seminar, both organizations had discussion and presentations on assistance system and current status of OSH R&D and major challenges ahead as well as discussed mutual cooperation by exchanging practical cases of OSH research.

The seminar was held as a part of the MOU which KOSHA had signed with SAWS in 2010. Under the MOU, KOSHA has exchanged professionals and technical information & materials; provided technical assistance for workplace; and instructed technologies on OSH statistics data analysis and publication. 



Thorough safety inspection on industrial workplace before the Chuseok holidays


KOSHA checked SK Incheon Petrochem Co., Ltd. for its actual condition of safety and health operation

September 5, 2014



KOSHA visited SK Incheon Petrochem Co., Ltd, an oil refining process business located in Incheon-si, and had site inspection before Chuseok (Korean thanksgiving day) on Friday, September 5.

The purpose of this visit was to prevent major accidents before the Chuseok holidays. There was meeting with representative officials of SK Incheon Petrochem and its contractors as well as site inspection on actual condition of safety and health operation.

Taking the visit as an opportunity, KOSHA took a look at the implementation of emergency action plan and safety procedure, and made a request for enhancing safety and health management on contractors and operating safety system without any problems through communication among contractors and workers. 



01 Baek, Hun-ki, President of KOSHA (third from the left) visits workplace of SK Incheon Petrochem Co., Ltd. and checks accident prevention measures for the Chuseok holidays

02 Baek, Hun-ki, President of KOSHA (the middle of the photo) is having discussion on safety and health measures with related officials of SK Incheon Petrochem Co., Ltd. and its contractors

03 Baek, Hun-ki, President of KOSHA (the very left) visits workplace of SK Incheon Petrochem Co., Ltd. and checks accident prevention measures for the Chuseok holidays

Site Inspection to prevent accidents for horse managers

KOSHA visited KRA and checked the current safety status on September 12

September 12, 2014

KOSHA visited Korea Racing Authority (KRA) and Seoul Racecourse Trainer's Association located in Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi-do on Friday, September 12 and checked the current status of safety and health of workers in the Korea's racing industry.

KOSHA had discussion with related officials on current activities of accident prevention in racecourse and safety and health challenges ahead.

During his visit, President of KOSHA delivered personal protective equipment such as dust masks and emphasized on the safety mentioning "Considering the characteristics of horse raising industry which is unexpected and unpredictable, thorough compliance with safety regulations as well as regular inspection should be prerequisite."



Baek, Hun-ki, President of KOSHA (the very left) is delivering personal protective equipment to officials of Korea Racing Authority and Seoul Racecourse Trainer's Association

Observe 4 safety rules for your own protection

- Provide and wear personal protective equipments (PPEs)
- Attach occupational safety and health signs
- Provide OSH educational training
- Observe safety working procedure



Workers' Health Centers of KOSHA helps workers get out of PTSD

14 workers in a factory returned to work after receiving psychological counseling

August 22, 2014

A company overcame its difficulty by the help of KOSHA. As workers at the company had suffered post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after witnessing an occupational accident, the company asked 'Workers' Health Center' run by KOSHA for help.

In June, a worker lost his wrist by a cut accident occurred in the middle of automatic can packing operation in Gyeonggi-do. After the accident, 14 other colleagues suffered depression and anxiety as they had experienced the accident directly and indirectly.

On the day after the accident broke out, the company gave all workers paid leave and asked 'Workers' Health Center' nearby for help.

The Workers' Health Center formed a task force team composed of occupational and environmental medicine doctor, nurse, psychological counsellor and industrial hygiene engineer. The task force team then visited the company and provided professional counseling for 2 times.

The team categorized the 14 colleagues into risk groups using PTSD checklist and then provided one-on-one counseling and emotion control training.


In line with this, the occupational and environmental medicine doctor had a look around the incident site and proposed measures to prevent occupational accidents such as safety facility installation and warning sign attachment, etc.

The 14 workers of the company got back to work and the injured will be provided psychological as well as medical support for the sake of returning to work without any trouble after hospital care.

Like this, when occupational accidents occur or workers have illness or disease, professional health service is available from KOSHA's Workers' Health Centers located in 15 areas nationwide.

For the purpose of providing free professional health service to workers at small-sized workplace who are vulnerable to health management due to time and economic constraint, Workers' Health Centers have been established and run since 2011.

The centers have doctors, nurses, occupational and environmental experts, and professional counsellors, offering various services including counselling for job stress and work environment; follow-up management after medical checkups; business compatibility assessment; prevention of musculoskeletal or cardiovascular diseases.

Last year, about 33,000 workers visited Workers' Health Centers; there were about 180,000 cases of counselling. Five more Workers' Health Centers are planned to be newly established next year to help more workers. 

- Total 15 areas: Seoul, Busan, Incheon, Daegu, Gwangju, Daejeon, Ulsan, Bucheon, Suwon, Seongnam, Siheung, Cheonan, Changwon, Gumi, Yeosu



Secure safety and health of workers in Social Welfare Facilities

KOSHA signed MOU with the Korea National Council on Social Welfare on September 26
Support to create facility evaluation index and manage health of workers

September 26, 2014


Endeavour to protect safety and health of workers working in the social welfare facilities, such as social welfare centers or senior welfare centers, will be pursued.

KOSHA signed an 'MOU for occupational accident prevention' with Korea National Council on Social Welfare and agreed on a collaborative effort on September 26. The Council is a representative public organization in the social welfare field in Seoul.

The purpose of the MOU is to secure safety of women and senior workers working in social welfare facilities. Falls or slips and trips while cooking, going up and down the stairs or maintaining facilities mainly occur among those workers.

In this context, KOSHA will put joint efforts to escalate the level of safety and health targeting more than 35,000 workers and about 2,200 social welfare facilities run by the Council under the MOU.

The Korea National Council on Social Welfare will actively participate in safety and health projects by creating safety and health index in the Social Welfare Facility Evaluation Index and disseminating various safety and health related materials for accident prevention in the social welfare field.

KOSHA will provide consulting for the creating of evaluation index for the facilities of Korea National Council on Social Welfare; give OSH educational training and technical materials; and support health care of related workers through Workers' Health Centers run by KOSHA. 



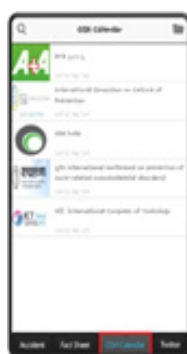
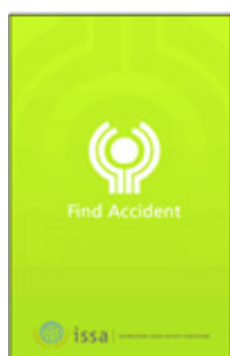
President Baek, Hun-ki of KOSHA (fourth from the left) and President Cha, Heung-bong of Korea National Council on Social Welfare (fifth from the left) are determining their wills to support workers working in the social welfare facilities after the MOU signing ceremony.



Mobile Application to share major global occupational accidents cases

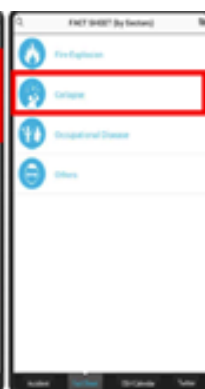
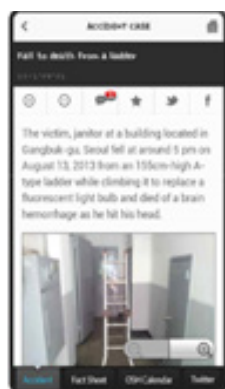
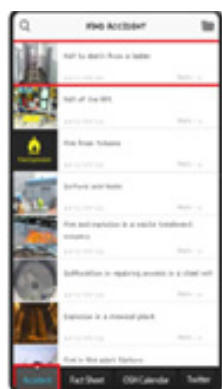
The app is named "Find Accident" to let people around the world have an instant access to global occupational accidents via smart phones jointly developed by KOSHA and ISSA (International Social Security Association)

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How to download

You can download the app as entering the keywords at App Store/Play Store ;

FIND ACCIDENT, ACCIDENT, FACT SHEET, KOSHA, ISSA, CULTURE OF PREVENTION, OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENT, SAFETY, HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

Major Other Function

You can upload occupational accidents of your country directly to the app for preventing the same accident and to share the accident case, after registering your organization.

If you have interest in the App,
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