

Survey on Occupational Safety and Health Conditions in Selected Regions

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Abstract

The Occupational Safety and Health Center with the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency conducted a survey in 306 manufacturing establishments in six regions of the country with 54.5% belonging to the small scale group, 28.76% to medium scale and 16.67% to large scale.

Results of the survey showed that only 42.8% of the companies surveyed have written safety and health policy, 52% have safety and health committee and 42.48% have programs for safety and health activities, 48% employ physician or nurse while 14.7% hire safety officers / engineers. Some 28.76% of the of the companies have their supervisors trained on occupational safety and health. Good housekeeping was observed in only 38.39% while fire fighting drill and fire exit drill were conducted in 32.39% and 23.53% of the companies surveyed respectively. Mechanical guards are provided in 46.73% while good electrical wirings are noted in only 65% of the companies covered. Establishments where workers are exposed to physical and direct hazards were observed to have unsatisfactory compliance as to the provision and use of personal protective equipment.

The survey revealed the poor safety and health conditions in most of the manufacturing establishments. Support from the management and cooperation from the workers are urgently needed to improve the prevailing situation.