

Hanjin deaths prompt call for increased protection

Government urged to provide safety net to workers in Korean shipyard operator

The overseas recruitment industry urged the Department of Labor and Employment to give workers better protection against industrial accidents and work-related illness.

The call was prompted by a rash of accidents at the Hanjin shipyard in the Subic Bay Freeport in which three more workers died.

The deaths brought the number of fatalities at the shipyard to six this year.

Jackson Gan, vice-president of the

Federated Association of Manpower Exporters said local workers should be provided with life insurance and hospitalization benefits similar to what overseas workers are receiving from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

Gan said that workers who suffered work-related accidents received only the barest benefits such as burial expenses from companies at the Hanjin Heavy Industries Construction Corp site.



To get around its manpower requirements, Hanjin has tapped local sub-contractors which, in turn, employ local labor in its Subic shipyard.

Hanjin has farmed out certain operations to sub-contractors.

The South Korean shipbuilder has more than 10,000 workers in Subic employed in construction and repair

of ocean vessels.

Gan said contractual workers are receiving minimum wages and are only working on temporary status with sub-contractors.

Tough safety standards eyed for call centers

To ensure the health, safety, and protection of workers in the call center industry, the Department of Labor and Employment has issued a policy requiring occupational health and safety programs in all call centers nationwide.

Labor Secretary Arturo Brion said the new policy should guide call center operators in formulating worker protection programs across the board.

He said call centers should ensure the safety and well-being of their workers as these will affect their productivity and growth.

To assist call centers, Brion said the Occupational Safety and Health Center of the Department of Labor and Employment will coordinate training.

It will also provide information, and technical assistance in the implementation of safety and health standards in line with the government's Zero Accident Program.

Regional labor offices will be responsible for monitoring compliance.



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