

1st Announcement

**XVIII World Congress
on Safety and Health at Work
- Global Forum for Prevention -**

“Safety and Health at Work: A Societal Responsibility”

**June 29 ~ July 2, 2008
COEX Convention Center, Seoul, Korea**

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International Labour Organization



International Social Security Association



Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency

INVITATION

It is my great pleasure and honor to invite you to the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, which will be held in Seoul, Korea from 29 June to 2 July 2008.

The three Congress organizers, the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the International Social Security Association (ISSA) are committed to ensuring the success of the XVIII World Congress. Still, the success of the XVIII World Congress ultimately depends on your participation and contribution. We therefore hope to meet you at this important worldwide event.

The XVIII World Congress is a unique opportunity for decision-makers, safety and health professionals, employers' and workers' representatives and experts from social security to learn from each other and to exchange information with their peers from around the world.

As safety and health professionals, we all possess extremely valuable information which we can share in order to make a difference in organizations, communities, society and in the world at large.

For the first time in the history of the World Congress, a safety and health summit will be held. We will be inviting high-level leaders, senior officials, corporate chief officers, senior employers' and workers' representatives and noted academics with a view to placing safety and health at work high on the world agenda.

May the XVIII World Congress in Seoul be highly meaningful for professionals in the occupational safety and health fields as they share their precious experience and technology!

I hope all of us get together in June 2008, a dynamic season in Seoul, Korea.

I wish all of you continuing health and happiness.

Thank you.

Park, Kil-Sang
President, KOSHA

□ **Date**

June 29 ~ July 2, 2008

□ **Venue**

COEX Convention Center, Seoul, Korea

□ **Organizers**

- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Social Security Association (ISSA)
- Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA)

□ **Safety and Health Summit**

- Selected world leaders in safety and health at work will be invited to reflect on safety and health at work as a basic human right and as a means for economic growth and development

□ **Objectives**

The World Congress

- Provides a forum for the exchange of new information and practices with it aim of promoting safety and health at work
- Reinforces and builds networks and alliances while laying the groundwork for cooperation and strengthening relationships among all concerned
- Provides a platform for the development of knowledge, strategic and practical ideas that can immediately put into use.

□ **Motto and main topics**

Motto : "Safety and Health at Work: A Societal Responsibility"

Main topics

- Strategies and Programmes of Safety and Health for the Future
- Impact of Challenges of Working Conditions on Workers' Protection
- New Challenges and Opportunities in Occupational Safety and Health
- Safety and Health Management Systems

□ **Languages**

The official languages of the Congress are English, French, German, Spanish, and Korean.

□ Participants

The Congress is a must for all occupational safety and health professionals including safety and health specialists, occupational health physicians, labour inspectors, and other professionals working engaged in these areas.

It is also of great importance for others with responsibilities in this field such as employers and managers, workers' representatives, those responsible for public administration, insurance and social security, manufacturers and importers, as well as anyone with an interest in safety and health at work.

□ International Film and Multimedia Festival

The International Film and Multimedia Festival will be integral part of the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in 2008 in Seoul, Korea.

The Festival will be organized by two ISSA International Prevention Sections, namely "Electricity" and "Information".

It will provide the Congress participants with an overview of the variety of films and multimedia products available on safety and health at work.

Juries of experts will select the best products and prizes will be awarded.

□ Technical visits, cultural excursions, and social events

Technical visits to enterprises located in Seoul and nearby areas shall be organized for groups of interested people on a reservation only basis; this also applies to cultural excursions and various social events before, during, and after the Congress.

□ Facilities for private meetings

Meeting rooms shall be available for professional safety and health organizations as well as for other interested groups upon request.

□ Programme

Date	Major Contents
Jun. 29, 2008 (Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site registration • Safety and health summit • ILO-CIS annual meeting • ISSA meeting • Opening ceremony • Welcome reception
Jun. 30, 2008 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site registration • Plenary session • Technical sessions • Symposia • Poster sessions • International safety and health exhibition • International Film and Multimedia Festival
Jul. 1, 2008 (Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site registration • Opening of the National Safety and Health Congress • Technical sessions • Regional meetings • Symposia • Poster sessions • International safety and health exhibition • International Film and Multimedia Festival • National night out for safety and health professionals
Jul. 2, 2008 (Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster sessions • Symposia • International safety and health exhibition • International Film and Multimedia Festival • Closing ceremony • Technical visits

※ The registration center will be open from 10:00 a.m on Sunday Jun. 29, 2008.

□ About Korea, Seoul, and COEX

Korea is a nation that boasts of a fast growing economy and a lifestyle that perfectly combines the old and the new. Once known as a quiet nation in the East, the peninsula now hardly rests, pulsating with life and commerce. Several subsidiaries of international corporations and businesses as well as most western franchises can be found nationwide. Even in the face of modernity, however, Koreans still greatly value their 5 millennia of culture and history and Confucian philosophy that guided the lives of their ancestors. Many global events take place here every year, the most recent of which being the 2002 FIFA Football World Cup. With its many scenic mountains and rivers, the peninsula is often likened by its citizens to be a beautifully embroidered brocade.

Seoul, a historically cultural city, has been the capital of Korea for more than 600 years now since the Joseon Dynasty was founded in 1392. About a quarter of the total Korean population lives in Seoul, considered the center of politics, economy, and culture. The city lies in a natural basin, surrounded by a series of mountains and hills; its grandeur and magnificent scenic beauty make it one of the most attractive metropolitan cities of the world. Aside from the fast-paced life and modern architecture, a number of invaluable cultural assets in Seoul mirror its 600-year history. In fact, Jongmyo Shrine and Changdeok Palace have been added to UNESCO's list of cultural heritage.

COEX is the official venue for the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work. Established in March 1979, and considered the favorite venue for international exchange through a number of international conventions, COEX has been dubbed the best convention and exhibition center in KOREA hosting numerous cultural and art events. With 4 levels above ground and 4 below, this building stands in a 36,300-square meter site and houses 12 exhibition halls, convention hall that can accommodate 7,000 persons, 61 conference rooms, and high-tech office and management systems.

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

To ensure the success of the Congress, kindly confirm your attendance to the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work by completing the form below and returning it to the Secretariat via fax or mail at your earliest convenience.

Your assistance in terms of providing accurate information will help in preparation of a well-managed Congress.

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	
First name	
Last name	
Organization	
Position	
Mailing address	
Country	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email address	

※ If your organization plans to send more delegates to the Congress, please indicate the number of expected participants.

(approx.) _____ persons

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□ About KOSHA

Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA) was established on December 9, 1987. It aims to contribute to the national economy by maintaining and improving the safety and health conditions of workplaces through the efficient implementation of projects such as research and development and promotion of industrial accident prevention technologies, provision of technical assistance and training on occupational safety and health to workplaces, inspection and diagnosis of dangerous facilities and equipment, etc.

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