
Progress of the National Occupational Safety and Health Programme



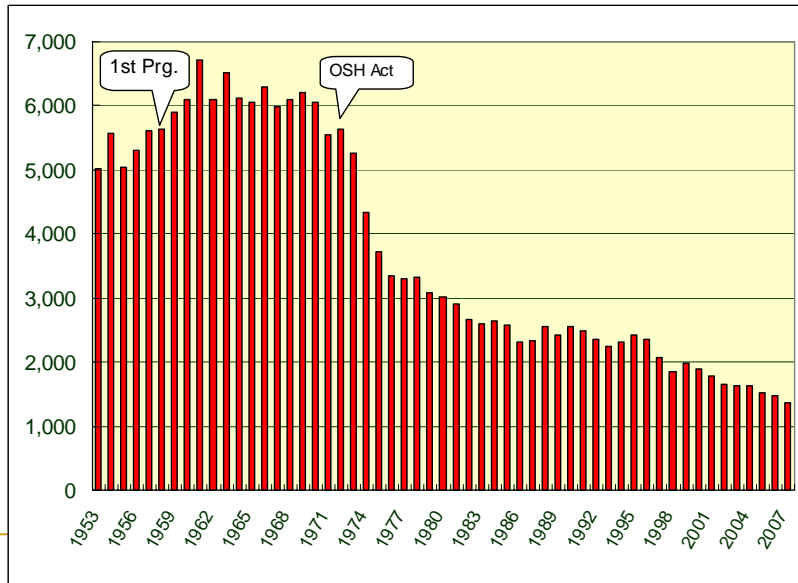
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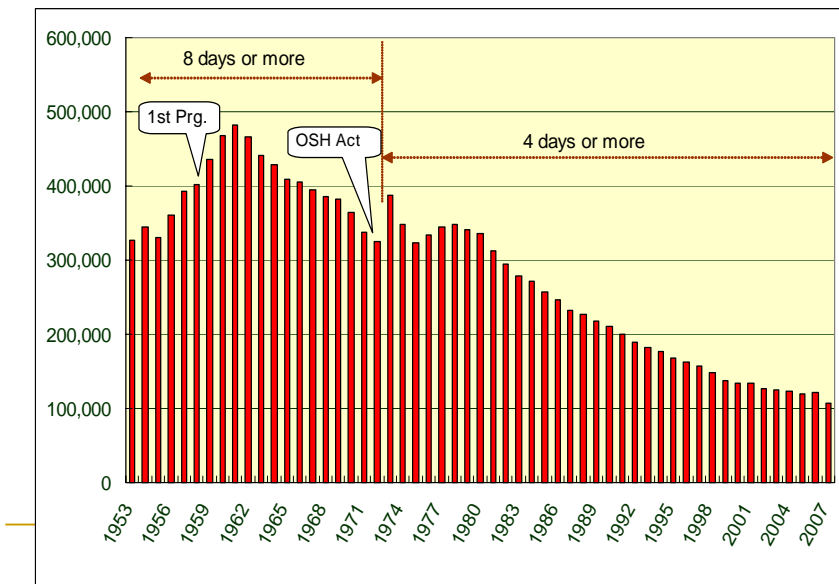
- Legal Basis: Article 6 of Industrial Safety and Health Act
 - The programme shall provide for the main measures of OSH
 - The 1st five-year programme was formulated in 1958
 - The 11th programme has just been launched in April 2008
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Number of Victims of Fatal Accidents



Total Number of Victims of Occupational Accidents

Required an absence of 8 days or more (until 1972), 4 days or more (from 1973)



The First Stage (1958-1972)

- Process -

- Proposal from tripartite committee to the Prime Minister
- Critical situation of rapid increase of industrial accidents.
- Cabinet approved the 1st five-year national programme on prevention of industrial accidents in 1958

The First Stage (1958-1972)

- Impact -

- High-level commitment (Cabinet)
- Formulation of national policy with tripartite body
- Facing the same direction by all stakeholders



- Trend of accidents: from increase to decrease

The Second Stage (1973-1997)

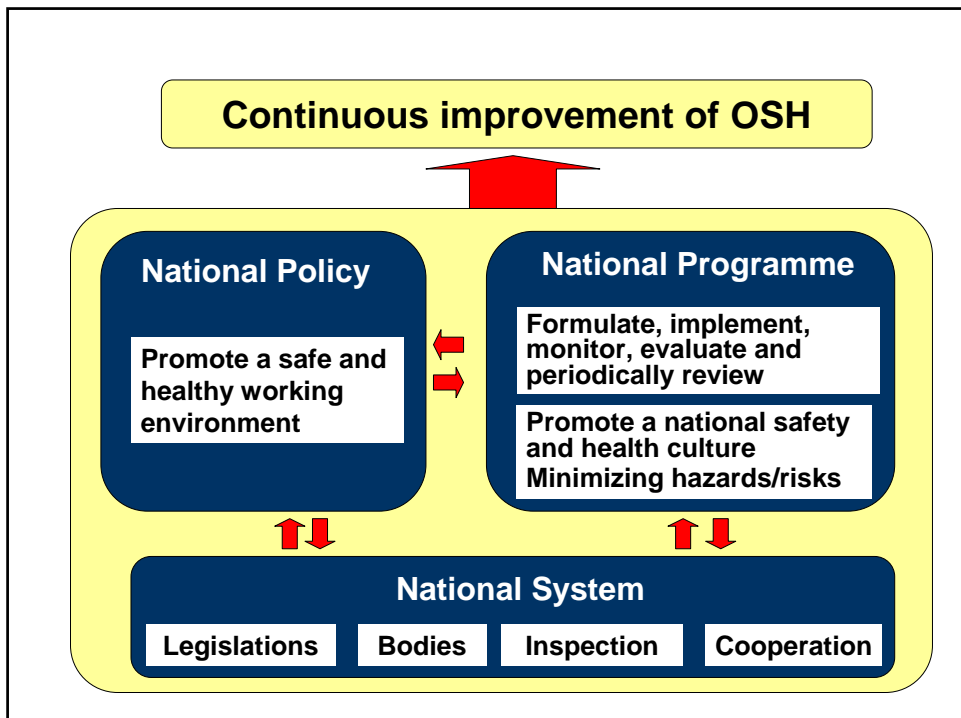
- Industrial Safety and Health Act (1972)
- Strengthen the conventional approach – learn from the past accidents
- Complementary effect by the Programme and the Act

The Third Stage (1998-2007)

- Introduction of risk-based management systems approach at company level
- Amendment of Industrial Safety and Health Act (2005)
 - to introduce risk assessment and reduction
 - to address emerging workers' health issues related to overwork

Ratification of ILO Convention No.187 - Promotional Framework for OSH -

- Adopted by ILC in June 2006
- Japan ratified C187 in July 2007
- The first case that Japan became the first country to ratify ILO Convention



National Profile



- General Guidebook on Industrial Safety



- General Guidebook on Industrial Health



- Year-Book on OSH

Framework of the 11th Programme

1. Preamble
2. Analysis of Current Status
3. Basic Policies
4. Period of the Programme
5. Objectives
 - 5-1 Overall Objectives
 - 5-2 Objectives of Priority Fields
6. Measures and Actions to be Taken

New Development of the 11th Programme

Two Approaches to Prevent Accidents

Risk-based approach to upgrade OSH level as a whole
Enhance conventional approach in the most hazardous fields

Introducing Principles of ILO Convention No.187

Continuous improvement of OSH level by introducing
management systems approach at the national level



Overall Objectives of the 11th Programme

Number of victims of fatal accidents:

Decrease 20% or more

Number of victims of accidents*:

Decrease 15% or more

* Required an absence of 4 days or more

Prevalence rate of abnormal findings by periodic medical
examination at workplaces:

Changing Trend from Increase to Decrease



Priority Fields

- Risk assessment and risk reduction at workplaces
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Machine safety■ Prevention of accidents due to falls of persons from height | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Prevention of health impairment due to dust■ Prevention of health impairment due to chemical substances■ Promotion of health control measures based on medical examination results■ Mental health care at workplaces |
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Upgrading OSH by PDCA Cycle

