



Resuming Year for Normalization of International Flights, Laying the Foundation for the Aviation Industry over the next 10 years

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*Safety management meeting with airline CEOs held on the 24th seeking for
fundamental aviation safety measures*

Vice Minister EO Myeong-so of the MOLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport) held an Airline Safety Management and Inspection Meeting attended by CEOs of 11 airlines, including Korean Air, at the Aviation Safety Supervisor's Office in Gimpo Airport at 2:00 p.m. on 24 Feb. and asked them to focus on laying the groundwork for aviation safety as this is an important year that determines the future pathways of the aviation industry for the next decade.

At this meeting, in relation to the "Safety Management Guidelines for Recovery of International Flight Operations" for each field, such as the 'Safety Checklist Before Resuming Operation of Overseas Branches' prepared by the MOLIT last June and notified to airlines in preparation for normalization of international flights,

The Vice Minister Eo emphasized, "Preparation to recover passenger demand in accordance with increasing international flights under easing the Covid-19 quarantine restrictions through thorough compliance with appropriate safety manpower training such as pilots and aircraft de-storage procedures, etc."

In addition, the Vice Minister Eo confirmed the implementation status of the safety management reform plan promoted by each airline as a follow-up measure following the results of the 'Emergency Response Meeting (Nov. 2022)' held by Minister WON Hee-ryong, MOLIT, last year after the accident at Cebu Airport,

Emphasizing that the basics of the aviation industry begin with safety, so the foundation should never be shaken, and the repetition of small accidents can lead to major accidents.

In particular, it was asked, “As this is the resuming year of normalization of international flights, the direction of the aviation industry for the next 10 years could be determined by this, so, we will focus on laying the groundwork for aviation safety by preparing fundamental and long-term measures.”

After the inspection meeting, the Vice Minister Eo visited the maintenance site of Asiana Airlines located at Gimpo Airport to get reported on the action plan for the recent case of diverting due to the aircraft defect and urged,

“While thoroughly identifying the cause of the defect, all from the site to the CEOs should do their best in aviation safety management.”