

Newly Built Public Schools to be Transformed into Green Buildings

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- *Pre-announcement of legislation amendments to expand the scope of mandatory green building certification*
- *Expecting to provide a more eco-friendly and pleasant educational environment*
- *A total of 20,920 certifications since 2002 contributing to the activation of green buildings and the realization of carbon neutrality*

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister WON Hee-ryong) makes the pre-announcement of legislation with a partial amendment to the ‘Enforcement Decree of the Green Building Construction Support Act’ (hereinafter referred to as the Enforcement Decree) from 13 April to 23 May, which specifies that buildings currently under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of education, such as public schools, are subject to mandatory green building certification.

Public buildings that meet certain criteria, such as a total floor area of 3,000m² or more, are subject to mandatory green building certification*, but buildings under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of education were not included in the mandatory certification, so the system was to be supplemented through working-level consultations with related ministry.

* They must be buildings that are newly built, rebuilt, or extended, but in the case of extension, it is limited to the case of extending as a separate building on the site where the building is located.

Green building certification is a system jointly operated by the MOLIT and the Ministry of Environment since 2002 to reduce building energy, save resources, and promote nature-friendly architecture by evaluating 7 areas of expertise, including land use, transportation, ecological environment, energy, and environmental pollution, etc.

Buildings received green building certification have been contributing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and realizing carbon neutrality by securing natural green areas and applying insulation materials and energy-saving technologies.

To date (as of 2022), a total of 20,920 green building certifications have been recorded, contributing to the vitalization of green buildings.

In addition, while technology development and manpower training have been promoted to vitalize green building certification, various benefits (incentives) such as building standards and acquisition tax relief, etc. have been continuously discovered and operated to induce voluntary private participation.

< Representative cases of green building certification >



Chungnam National University
Sejong Hospital



Seoul Energy Dream Center

LEE Jeong-hee, Director General for Architecture Planning of the MOLIT expressed, “As public schools are also designated as subject to mandatory green building certification, it is expected to provide an eco-friendly and pleasant educational environment and contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the building sector.”

The amendment can be viewed from 13 April on the website of the MOLIT (www.molit.go.kr) under “Policy Data - Legislative Information - Legislative Notice”, and opinions can be submitted by mail, fax or through the website.

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