

# International Cooperation on OSH by Japanese government and related organizations

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# Organizations providing International Cooperation on OSH in JAPAN

Organizations	Characteristics
Japanese Government (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contribute to ILO</li> <li>▪ Fund administrative agencies such as JNIOSH, JICA etc.</li> </ul>
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Administrative Agency funded by MOFA.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JISHA)</li> <li>▪ Japan Construction Occupational Safety and Health Association (JCOSHA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Special Private Organization established based on a specific law.</li> <li>▪ Subsidized by the Government</li> </ul>
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Japan(JNIOSH)	Administrative Agency funded by MHLW.
Others (University of Occupational and Environmental Health etc.)	



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# Technical Cooperation on OSH through the ILO-ROAP

## Technical Cooperation(TC) on OSH through ILO

### **1) The ILO / Japan Multi-bilateral Program (1974～)**

Ex) Enhancing Occupational and Health Standards in Construction Sector in Cambodia (2017～) , Myanmar(2019～)

Objectives: To improve standards on OSH and promote decent/safe work in Cambodia, especially for construction sector, and disseminate its lessons to other ASEAN member states

### **2) The ILO / Japan Fund for Building Social Safety Nets in Asia and the Pacific (2011～)**

Funded by MHLW to bolster the development of social safety nets in Asia and the Pacific region.

OSH projects in Nepal, PNG and Vanuatu was recently conducted.

## Technical Cooperation(TC) on OSH through JICA

### **(1) Dispatching Experts (Long term, Short term)**

JICA Technical Cooperation Projects(Now: Iraq, Jordan etc. Past: Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia etc.)

### **(2)Accepting Trainees (Counterparts, Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> Country)**

- Improvement of Policy on Occupational Safety and Health -From Policy Development to Implementation Measures -
- Occupational Safety and Health Management for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam (2017)

## 1) International Cooperation

### a Cooperation with JICA

Organizing OSH Group Training Course “Improvement of Policy on OSH” and OSH Training Courses for Iraq and Jordan.

### b Training Course with Self Fund (OSH Partnership Training)

Coordinating OSH Training Courses in Thailand, India, Taipei, etc.

## 2) International Exchange

### a Participation in APOSHO

**JISHA is going to hold Annual Meeting in 2021**

### b Active Participation in World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.

## 3) Others

Supporting Japanese Companies operating abroad by giving helpful information about OSH, training local staff and OSH advices by “SAKURA Project”





## 1) International Cooperation

### a Cooperation with JICA

Cooperating in the field of occupational safety and health, including support of occupational safety and health organizations in many countries by training government officials through JICA project.

### b Training Course with Self Fund

Providing trainings on occupational safety in the construction industry, safety and health education (Past:Malaysia, Hong Kong, Korea, China).

## 2) International Exchange

Participation in International Social Security Association Construction Section since 1999.



## 1) International Cooperation

Dispatch Experts (Lecturers) according to the request of Overseas Organizations

## 2) International Exchange

- a Cooperation between following institutes based on the Mutual Research Collaboration Agreements,
  - National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) USA
  - The Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) GB
  - Occupational Safety and Health Research Institute (OSHRI) Korea
- b Holding International Conferences
  - International Conference on Fall Prevention and Protection 2013



## Others (University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan (UOEH))

The only medical university in Japan with the primary objective of fostering occupational health physicians and occupational health professionals whose role is to protect workers' health in companies.

The Institute of Industrial Ecological Sciences (IIES-UOEH), designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Occupational Health in 1988, actively plays its role as a center for research and education. IIES-UOEH has been accepting researchers internationally from various universities, institutions and companies.

### Areas of cooperation

- (1) Prevention of occupational diseases including asbestos related health disorders, toxication caused by chemicals.
- (2) Evaluation of risks and prevention of health disorders of newly introduced substances at work  
such as nanomaterials
- (3) Promotion of mental health of workers including relieving stress at work
- (4) Development of occupational health management system and its effective implementations
- (5) Maintaining and promoting health of elderly workers in the aging society

### Technical cooperation achievements

#### ① Training based on the official development assistance (ODA) in 2017

Implemented training courses for the Iraqi National Center for Occupational Health and Safety.

#### ② Dispatch of experts upon request 2015-2016

Dispatched lecturers for the occupational health conference and the radiation health sciences workshop hosted by Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (themes: Occupational Health in Nuclear Disaster, Radiation Risk Management for Nuclear Workers)).

#### ③ Dispatch of experts as a WHO collaborating center in 2015

Dispatched an expert as a WHO expert for the workshop of drafting National Action Plan for eradication of asbestos related diseases in Vietnam.

#### ④ Group training course based on ODA 1985-2012

Training on general occupational health for government officials, medical doctors and occupational health professionals. etc



Rosai Hospitals provide advanced and specialized medical care from prevention to treatment, rehabilitation, and support to return to work. Rosai Hospitals support activities to promote health in the workplace.

### Areas of cooperation

- ① Diagnosis and treatment of pneumoconiosis
- ② Diagnosis and treatment of asbestos related diseases
- ③ Diagnosis and treatment of occupational trauma (hand injury etc.)
- ④ Diagnosis and treatment of spinal and spinal cord injuries
- ⑤ Diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders (low back pain)
- ⑥ Health management of working women (female outpatient etc)
- ⑦ Support for balancing treatment and work (mental health, rehabilitation, brain / heart disease)

### Technical cooperation achievements

2010-2015

Workshops on diagnosis of asbestos related diseases (Mongolia)

2014

Lectures to physicians from Thailand (Royal Thoracic Central Disease Research Institute under the Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand)

Lectures on countermeasures for asbestos related diseases and occupational respiratory diseases including its prevention

etc

# Japanese Government and Related Organizations treasure relationship and cooperation with ASEAN-OSHNET.



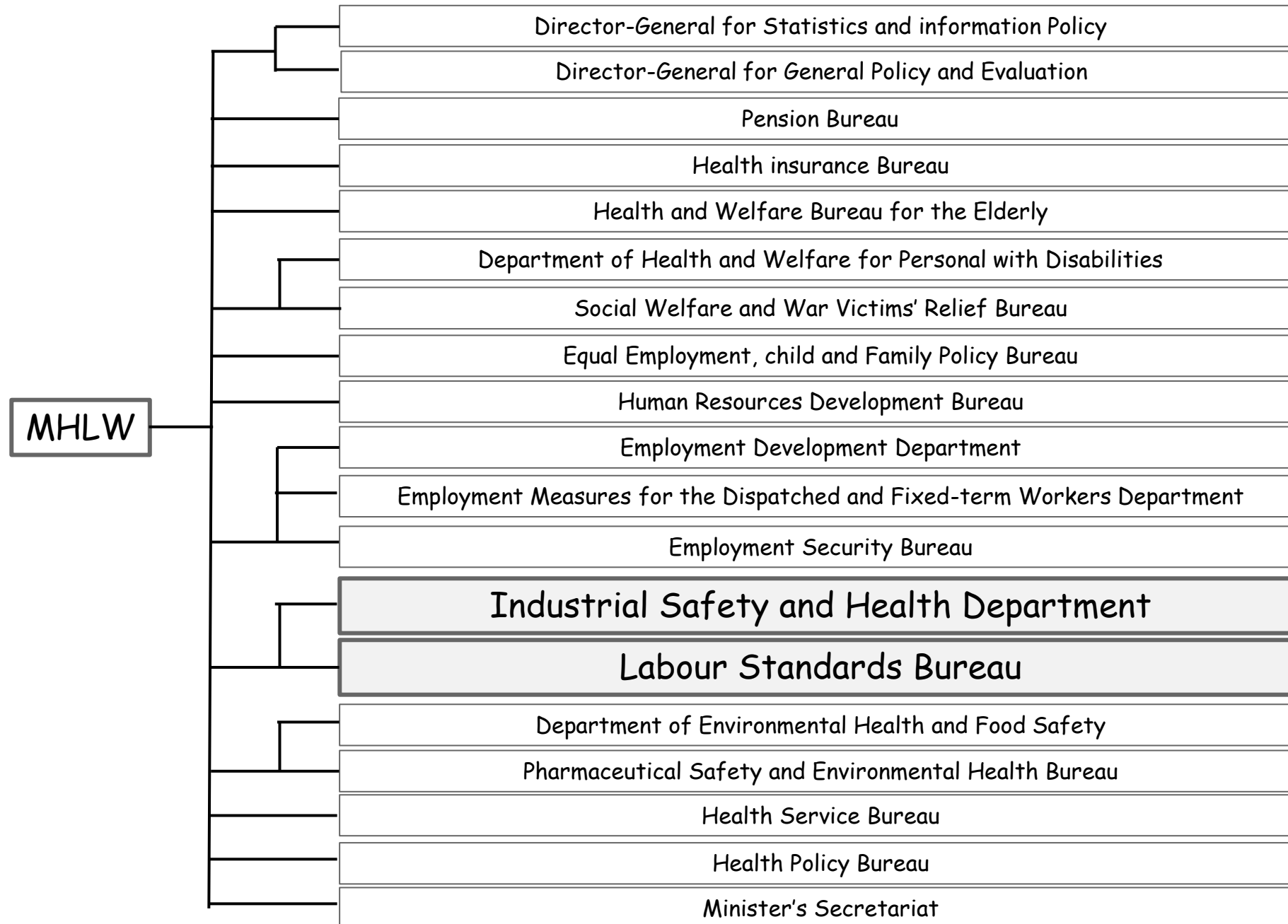
**Thank you for your kind listening!**

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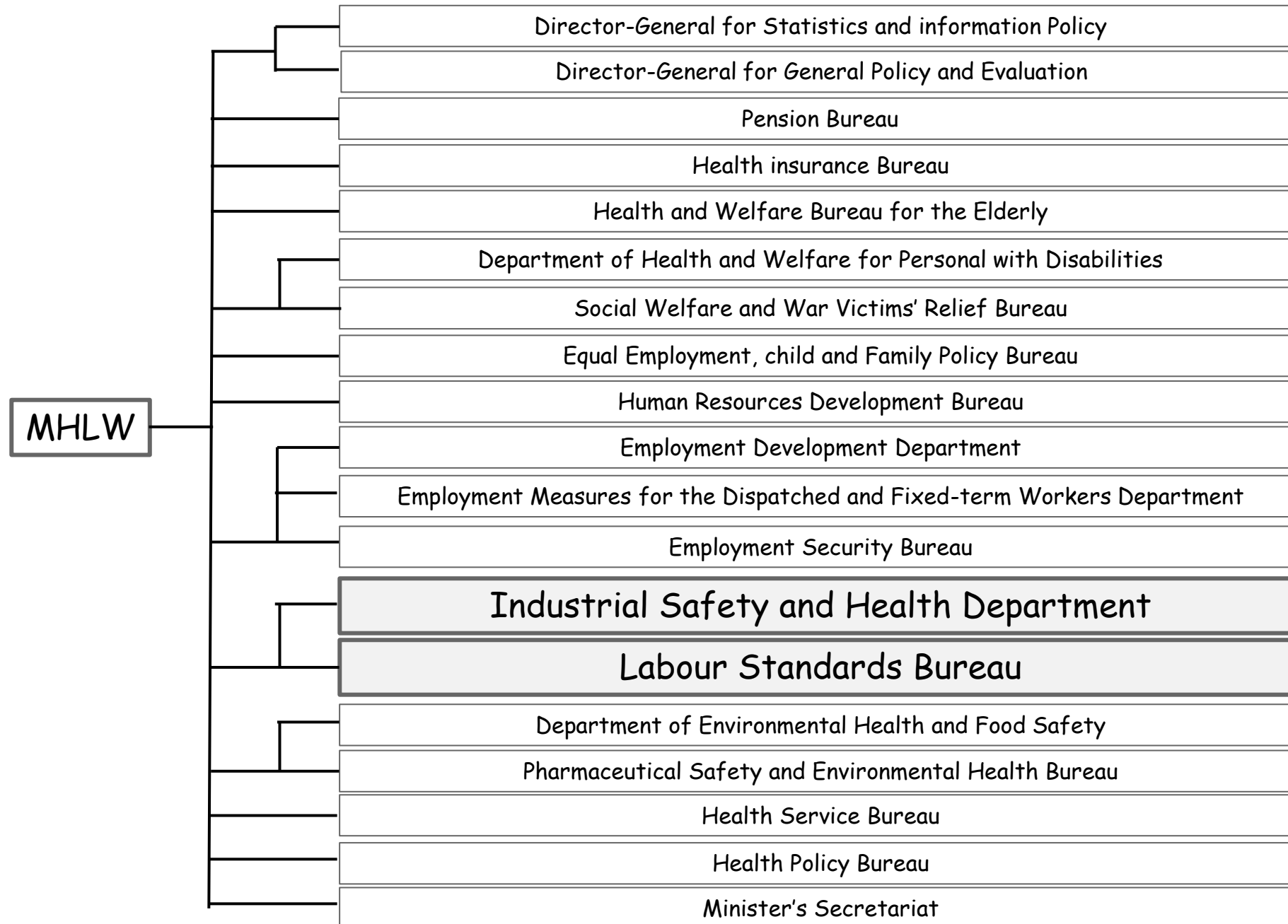


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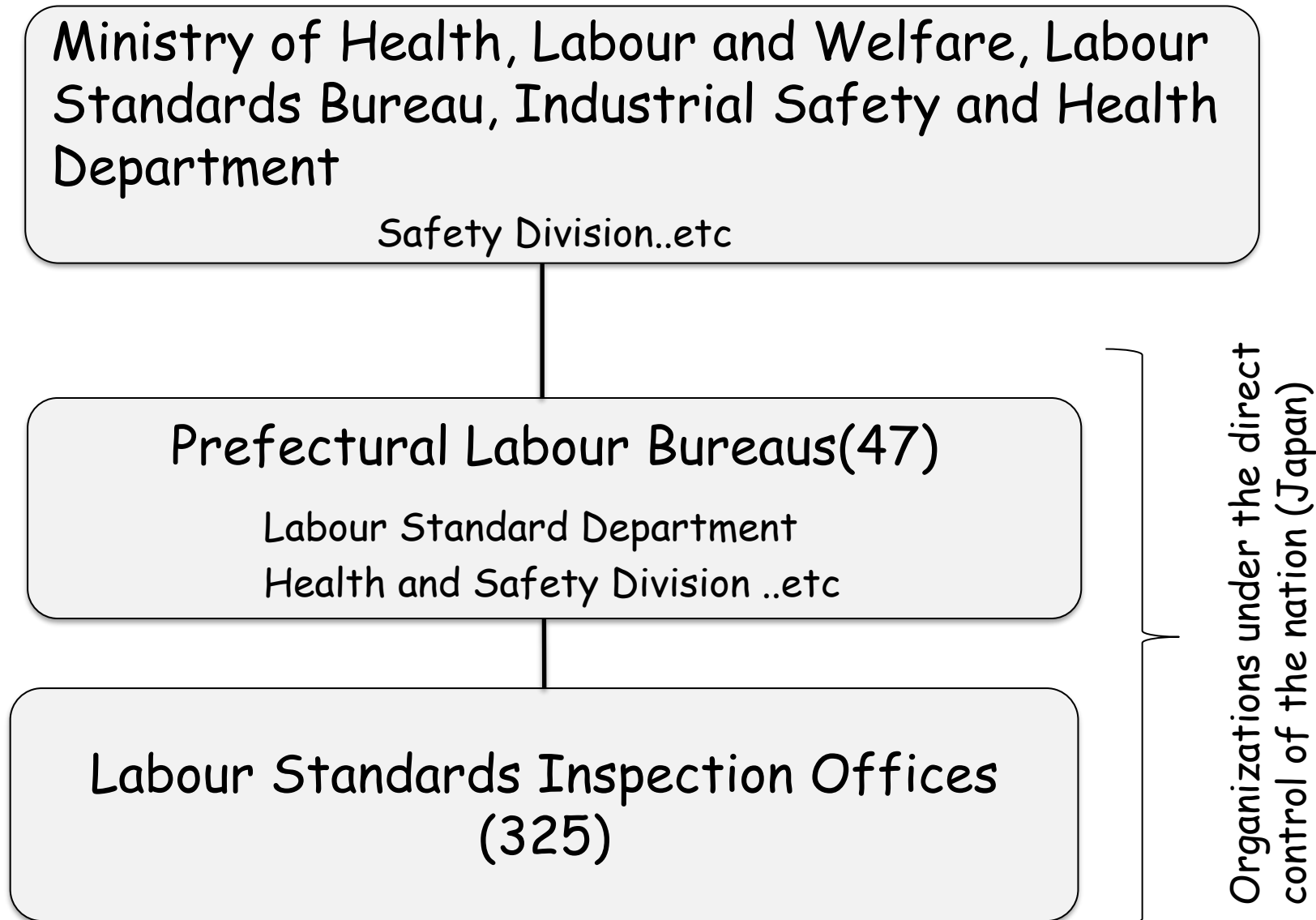
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# System of Labour Standards Administration



# Features of Industrial Safety and Health Act

- Purpose
  - Ensuring workers' health and safety
  - Establishing comfortable work environments
- Obligation Subject
  - Employers
- Protection Object
  - Employees
- Content
  - Measures for preventing dangers as minimum standard and enforcing measures for preventing the dangers or health impairment of workers with punishments
- Structure of Compliance
  - Crack down by labor standard inspectors who have the judicial and policing powers

Year of establishment: 1972

# Structure of Safety and Health Measures

## Measures for Securing Safety and Health of Workers

### Basic measures

- Establishment of safety and health management system
- Implementation of safety and health education
- Development of safety and health awareness
- Promotion of voluntary safety and health management activities

### Measures for securing safety

- Safety promotion of machinery
- Promotion of construction safety measures
- Measures for industries with frequent occurrence of accidents

### Preventive measures against occupational diseases

- Promotion of measures for chemical substances management
- Promotion of asbestos hazard prevention measures
- Promotion of dust hazard prevention measures

### Measures for securing health

- Promotion of mental health and overwork measures
- Promotion of industrial health activities
- Promotion of Measures against Passive Smoking