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Gyeonggi Pyeongtaek Port Corp. provides free medical services to underprivileged for 3 years

Gyeonggi Provincial Medical Center, Shesmedi Hospital, Gyeonggi Nambu Workers' Health Center join the corporation in promoting health of dockworkers, traders

It launched a complimentary health program for cross-border small traders and dockworkers in July 2012 jointly with Gyeonggi Provincial Medical Center. They received medical care at the Marine Center in Pyeongtaek Port. Entitled "Share Happiness Mobile Treatment," the program was held for the 50th time in October this year.

The monthly program has helped 4,452 people so far. Most of them are small traders using international car ferries at Pyeongtaek Port. They are old and live off shuttling between the port and China for trading.

The program began with physicians, dentists and Oriental doctors of the medical center caring the medically underprivileged people.

Later two more Gyeonggi-based hospitals, Shesmedi Hospital and Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, have joined the program, with their obstetricians, ophthalmologists and orthopedists giving time.

On top of the health program, the port corporation has provided free meals to the poor people. It has also involved hair dressers and barbers to use their talent to cut their hair.

Physicians have not volunteered their time only at the port but also boarded China-bound car ferries to care traders and dockhands.

"Pyeongtaek Port launched the program with compassion for the disadvantaged people and with interest in the community.

It has done a great job of promoting the health of its community for three years," said Choi Kwang-il, chief executive officer of the corporation. "We'll continue to fulfill our social responsibilities as a public enterprise to share our happiness with them." "I think it's significant to care the neglected people at the medically underserved Pyeongtaek Port," said Yoo Byeong-wook, president of Gyeonggi Provincial Medical Center. "We will keep up our medical assistance to them and work hard to improve the medical conditions of the port."

Jeong Yoon-gyeong, director of Gyeonggi Nambu Workers' Health Center, visited the port to inspect the working conditions of dockworkers. She then agreed to shore up the port's health program.

Her center will offer basic checkups to those working in a harmful environment and counsel them about occupational diseases, muscular skeletal disorders and psychology.

"I've come to understand the predicament of dockworkers somewhat after visiting the port. I will provide programs essential to their health," she said.

The corporation is opening the Health Support Center in the Marine Center in early December. As a fixed facility, it is expected to boost the port's healthcare activities for the medically challenged. For more information, call the shared growth team of the corporation at 031-686-0622.

Pyeongtaek Port handles a total of 1.24 million cars



Pyeongtaek-Dangjin Port handled 127,614 cars in October, bringing the total number of cars processed at the port to 1,236,594 vehicles.

The accumulative number includes 718,599 exported, 211,187 imported and 288,218 transshipped cars. Kia Motors exported 617,291 units, which is the largest number of cars shipped from the port.

Hyundai and Ssangyong followed suit with 57,640 and 37,339 vehicles, respectively.

BMW topped the list of cars imported through the

port with 46,723 units. Mercedes-Benz came in second with 37,550 cars, chased by Volkswagen and Audi with 32,208 and 29,200 units, respectively. "We expect to see the movement of cars through the port increase steadily in the second half of 2015.

Pyeongtaek-Dangjin Port will do its best to be the nation's largest port for imports and exports of cars," said Jeong Jin-geol, chief of the port logistics division of the Pyeongtaek Regional Office of Ocean and Fisheries.