

Safety and Disaster Prevention Initiatives

A fire broke out on May 14, 2017 at the tire plant at Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc. (YTPI). We would like to again offer our sincerest apologies to the customers, the local community, and various other affected parties for the inconvenience and concern caused by the fire's outbreak and aftermath.

The Group will work company-wide to steadily implement fundamental fire prevention measures to ensure that a similar incident does not occur in the future.

Overview of the fire

- Time of outbreak: Around 15:00 local time on May 14; completely extinguished around 23:00
- Fire stricken area: Approximately 17,400 m² in north-east area of east plant
- Details of fire: Buildings and production facilities partially damaged, products in warehouse destroyed in fire
2 people injured in fire extinguishing activities



Area inside the red line is the affected area

Fire Recurrence Prevention Measures

The company will verify all of the potential fire causes, and take fundamental measures against them. Furthermore, we will develop mechanisms that enable faster fire detection and extinction, and deploy them in production sites all over the world. We will then repeat inspection on firefighting equipment and fire drills as we work to ensure that a similar fire does not occur again.



Fire drills



Rescue training for injured people

Strengthening Safety Efforts

Although we have conducted various safety initiatives in an aim for the creation of a safe and ideal working environment and good health, we have currently not achieved zero work-related accidents.

In response to this situation, we have conducted overall inspections on equipment at all production sites in Japan and overseas as a countermeasure to discover risks that could cause disasters, such as areas where people could become pinched by or caught in machinery or areas where people could fall. The management has been proactively involved in these overall inspections, and efforts are being made to thoroughly identify and improve all dangerous equipment based on strong leadership.

We are also expanding risk sensitivity drills to enhance sensitivity to risks so that employees can detect risks in advance and respond to them.

In addition, we are working to "instill safety awareness through grassroots corporate culture and spirit reform" to develop people capable of working safely and creating a safe workplace. As part of day-to-day efforts to improve the safety awareness, we distribute safety goods and repeat safety slogans with all employees before work.



Risk sensitivity drills



Details of main efforts to strengthen risk sensitivity drills

- ① Expand contents of drills: Increase in types of and learning materials for risk sensitivity drills at locations including the Mishima Plant and YTMT* (improvement in quality)
- ② Increase the number of times drills are held
- ③ Expand locations where drills are held: Drills have been established at all major plants in Japan and overseas, considering expansion

Expected effects

- ① Honing sensitivity to various types of risks
- ② Maintain and improve risk sensitivity



Distribution of safety straps



Repeating safety slogans

* Yokohama Tire Manufacturing (Thailand) Co., Ltd.