## Improvement of Investigations of Major Accidents and Causes- Introduction of the Regional Accident Investigation Centers (RAICs) -

Project	Investigations of Major Accidents and Causes
Major changes	New division of labor for accident investigations following introduction of
	RAICs
	- Working-level departments: First response to accidents and on-site
	reporting, organization of investigations into major accidents in
	respective jurisdictions,* participation in RAIC-organized investigations,*
	and investigation (by working-level departments in regional/local
	organizations and headquarters) of accidents with undisputed causes
	(fall- and transport-related).
	- RAICs: Investigation of major accidents in respective regions*
	* Accidents outside purview of working-level departments, such as those involving
	fires/explosions, structural collapse, entrapment in machinery/equipment, etc.
	- Shipbuilding Industry Accident Prevention Center: investigates accidents
	on shipyards
	- Chemical Accident Prevention Center: investigates major industrial
	accidents involving chemicals
	Addition of subjects of investigation
	- Accidents at the center of social controversies, causing certain types of
	injuries, or even causing no injuries but nonetheless subject to the
	MOEL's request for investigation* have been added as new subjects
	of investigation.
	* The heads of RAICs or the Central Accident Investigation Group decide which of
	these no-injury accidents are to be investigated.