Information on Technical Intern Training

— Power Harassment in the Workplace –

Power harassment in the workplace is any action in which a person takes advantage of his or her superior position in the workplace, personal relationship or otherwise, and goes beyond the scope of appropriate business activities to cause a co-worker emotional distress or physical pain or undermines the workplace environment. In addition to typical power harassment by a supervisor toward a subordinate, power harassment also includes interactions between senior and junior workers and between colleagues, and the actions of a subordinate toward a supervisor.

Terms such as bullying, pestering and power harassment are generally used in ways that include the subjective judgment of the receiver of the harassment. However, power harassment in the workplace refers specifically to actions that go beyond the scope of appropriate business activities. Instructions, warnings and guidance may at times provoke an ill feeling in the person receiving such actions, but as long as they fall within the scope of appropriate business activities, they do not constitute power harassment.

There are roughly six types of power harassment in the workplace.

- 1. Acts of force or violence (physical attacks)
- 2. Intimidation, libel and slander, insults, verbal abuse (psychological attacks)
- 3 . Seclusion, ostracism, neglect (segregation from human relationships)
- 4. Assigning obviously unnecessary work or work that is impossible to perform, interference with work (excessive demands)
- 5. Assigning menial work irrelevant to business and that is clearly below the employee's capability or experience, or providing no work at all (demeaning demands)
- Excessive intrusion upon an employee's personal life (intrusion upon the individual)

The judgment of whether actions 4 to 6 go beyond the scope of appropriate business activities may depend on business type, corporate culture, the situation in which the action was performed, or the consistency/inconsistency of the action.

Power harassment in the workplace is not only an unacceptable infringement of employees' human dignity

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しょくば ばわーはらすめんと **一職場のパワーハラスメント**

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職務上の地位や人間関係などの職場内の優位性を背景に、業務
の適正な範囲を超えて、精神的・身体的苦痛を与える又は職場
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「いじめ・嫌がらせ」「パワーハラスメント」といった言葉は、そうした行為を受けた人の主観的な判断を含んで使われることが一般的ですが、職場のパワーハラスメントとしては、あくまで「業務の適正な範囲」を超えるものが対象になります。受止めたたよっては不満を感じたりする指示や注意・指導があったとしても、これらが「業務の適正な範囲」で行われている場合には、パワーハラスメントには当たりません。

職場のパワーハラスメントは、おおまかに以下の6つに分類できます。

- ①暴行・傷害(身体的な攻撃)
- ②脅迫・名誉毀損・侮辱・ひどい暴言 (精神的な攻撃)
- ③隔離・仲間外れ・無視(人間関係からの切離し)
- ④業務上明らかに不要なことや遂行不可能なことの強制、仕事の妨害(過大な要求)
- (事を命じることや仕事を与えないこと(過小な要求)
- ⑥私的なことに過度に立ち入ること(個の侵害)

なお、④~⑥については「業務の適正な範囲」を超えるか否かの判断が業種や企業文化の違い、行為が行われた状況や行為の継続性の有無などによって左右される場合があります。

 and character, but also a cause of deterioration in the workplace environment. If left unaddressed, it could deprive employees of their motivation and pride in their work, lead to mental or physical illness, or may even put a person's life in danger. Therefore, it is necessary to put a stop to acts of harassment.

If you ever become a victim of power harassment in your workplace, immediately contact the consultation service in the company where you work or consult with a superior you trust, and seek proper response from the company. If the company has a labor union, you could also seek counsel from the union. In cases where the company fails to address your problem or you feel hesitant to open up to your company, we recommend that you take your problem to the Comprehensive Labor Consultation Service offered by each Prefectural Labor Bureau. A specialized counselor will listen to your problem free of charge, and if you wish, you can choose to remain anonymous. Note, however, that consultations are usually in Japanese only; if you are not comfortable with Japanese, you will need to ask someone to interpret for you.

○Comprehensive Labor Consultation Service Offices http://www.mhlw.go.jp/general/seido/chihou/ kaiketu/soudan.html

Reference: Power harassment portal site operated by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare http://www.no-pawahara.mhlw.go.jp/index.html

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