

## 33 tons of marble dropped! Cause of Hualien Port worker's lower body fatal accident revealed

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An industrial safety accident occurred at Hualien Port No. 14 on the 2nd. A dock worker was assisting in unloading the marble from the cargo ship. Unexpectedly, the rope transporting the stone suddenly broke during the process, resulting in the worker's death on the spot. In this regard, the Hualien Port Company In response to the release of the investigation results of the incident, it has been requested to review the operation process to avoid the recurrence of regrets.

The incident occurred at 8:40 a.m. on the 2nd. At that time, the service center received a notification that when the Hualien Port Pier 14 was carrying out the operation of

discharging blocks of marble, the cable shook and broke, and 33 tons of marble fell directly and was pressed into the ships hold. The 63-year-old staff member surnamed Xia caused severe injuries to Xia Nan's lower body, and there was no sign of life on the spot.

The police arrived at the scene as soon as possible, and the man was obviously dead; it is understood that he had been engaged in similar work for more than 10 years. Previously, the Hualien Port Police in the jurisdiction had notified relevant units to collect evidence on the scene and sent the remains for inspection. The labor inspection unit also brought back the broken and hanging steel cable for inspection to clarify the cause of the accident.

Wang Paifeng, general manager of Hualien Port Branch, said that after investigation, it was found that when the unloading operation was carried out at that time, the steel cable broke due to friction against the bulkhead of the ship, which in turn caused the boulder to fall. The surnamed employee was crushed to death for failing to dodge.

In addition, Wang Paifeng said that the operation was stopped on the day of the accident, and the occupational safety unit was notified for inspection. It was found that the discharge operation must be strengthened and improved, and the SOP standard operating procedure was reviewed. The investigation by the occupational safety unit was completed the next day after the accident. At present, the prosecutor has agreed to resume work, and the unloading ship has also left the port.

Wang Paifeng emphasized that Hualien Port has asked the loading and unloading company to submit a review report, and the occupational safety unit will also supervise and improve in the future, hoping that the same incident will not happen again in the future.