

Remark Speech of

Minister of Ministry of Labour & Social Welfare

On the Occasion of 90 years Celebration of ILO Foundation (1919 – 2009)

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Honorable Excellency Buasone BOUPHAVANH Committee of.....Central Party, Prime Minister of Lao PDR

Distinguish Mr. Vang Ji Yaun Deputy of Executive Director of International Labour Organization of.....

Distinguish Mr. Vongphet Xay Ger Ya Yong Tua President of Lao Federation of Trade Union

Respective Domestic & International guests, Ladies & Gentlemen .

We are now celebrating the 90 years of International Labour Organization Foundation which facing the global crisis of financial and counted as challenge issues, which affected directly to the labour forces, generation of incomes and employments of The World population in general, especially for the workers of Lao PDR.

In this dominant crisis , The International Labour Organization which is the principle organization and under the United Nation. Its functions are : To formulate the policy on emergency response to those events by good care consideration, To more concern of workers' fate in our global time to time.

So today the Ministry of Labour & Social Welfare by cooperation with International Labour Organization, Lao Women Union and National Chamber of Commerce and Industry have hosted the 90 years Celebration of International Labour Organization Foundation and at the same time to re-cap the background of its establishment and their previous activities of contribution .

In this occasion I would like to express my appreciation and welcoming again to the Excellency Buasone BOUPHAVANH Committee of.....Central Party, Prime Minister of Lao PDR for his times to join our events .

I also would like to thanks and congratulation to all the guests who come and join our events in this times for 90 years Celebration of International Labour Organization Foundation.

In this remarkable occasional, I am representing the Ministry of Labour & Social Welfare, Lao Women Union and National Chamber of Commerce and Industry would like to express the congratulation to its achievement and fruitful outcome since long which The International Labour Organization has been done so far during 90 years ago . Once again congratulation.

Dear Excellency , distinguish guests, respective ladies & gentlemen .

Lao PDR has become the members of the International Labour Organization since 1964 before the declaration of the country of The Lao's People Democratic Republic. Due to that time Lao country has been faced with various complicate issues. Hence, Lao PDR could not do any reactions as country members commitment .Merely do the ratification to the International Labour Organization about 4 convention as following :

- Convention number 29 Force Labour.....
- Convention number 4 Night Works of Women.....
- Convention number 6 Night Works of Youth.....
- Convention number 13 Chemical and White Substance Application

Since 1975 up to 80's even Lao PDR has fully become The Lao's People Democratic Republic but, Socio - Economic rehabilitation of Lao PDR after the war has been ended and Lao PDR also could not contribute their roles and functions as member country committed so far .

Since Lao PDR has been performed the transformer policy and open widely cooperation with International. Lao PDR also has been promoted its roles and functions in the international stage time to time. Since previous time we were reviewing and integrating into its activities as member states committed to other international organizations including The International Labour Organization. Currently Lao PDR has ratified to The International Labour Organization in 4 more convention as namely :

- Convention number 100 Equal payment.....
- Convention number 111 Discrimination of works & Employment
- Convention number 138 Minimum Ages to Employmnt.....
- Convention number 182 Elimination of Child Labour.....

Up to now Lao PDR has ratified to The International Labour Organization totally 8 conventions. Beyond that ,right now we are in the processing of consideration on two more ratification of the ILO Convention in the fiscal year 2009 to 2010 as below :

- Convention number 105 Elimination of Forced Labour.....
- Convention number 144 tripartite Consultation

Excellency, Dear guests and respective ladies & gentlemen

Since Ministry of Labour & Social Welfare has been formed in 1993, ILO has become the one of other International Organizations which providing assistance in form of technical assistance and also funding some resources to Ministry of Labour & Social Welfare and their staff from the central and grassroots to get trained in particular term of labour issues inside the country and oversea. This is a great assistance of ILO that make the ministry have more of qualified staff and can meet the needs of some works that requested. And on the other hands it also can push the basic of labour regulation & principles that have in place to be improved and formulating a new one under the great support of ILO on technical assistance for in stance : to form and updating the Law regarding to the labour, The first Degree on Social Security for the Enterprises sector has been formulated and has been applied currently. The reviewing and researching of ILO conventions, The Social Security Structural in particular for state and enterprises has been done of the cost of 5,760,000 \$ (US Dollars), The project to combat trafficking in child , The project on protection of migrant labour and project on Occupational Safety and Health.

Beyond that, ILO has provided some fund on the project called Community Trust Fund Development to some target villages that located along the Mekong river bank in 5 provincials namely : Borikhamxay, Khammouan , Savannakhet, Champasack and Sayyaboury province which covered of 22 districts and 125 villages. Currently those Trust Fund has been increased to 11 billion kip.

At the same time, Lao Women Union and National Chamber of Commerce and Industry also funding by ILO in the form of technical and grant assistance . Especially in capacity building for technical staff of Lao Women Union and National Chamber of Commerce and Industry from the central through the grassroots in particular field of information, dissemination of ILO convention and other relevant regulations that related to labour relationship, protection of rights and benefit of the workers in labour units and enterprises sectors.

I'm be able to value these great assistance of International Labour Organization to Lao PDR in previously as extremely valuable and highly important for their great contribution assistance to developing and improving in labour issues . And this is also counted as Poverty Elimination to Lao people and Lao workers too.

Excellency, Dear guests and respective ladies & gentlemen

On be half of Ministry of Labour & Social Welfare , Lao Women Union and National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Lao PDR once again would like to express my gratitude and sincere thanks to the International Labour Organization, to the Executive Director and all levels of their staff for their effectiveness contribution that make Lao PDR strengthening growth bit by bit in particular field of labour issues . Hopefully the International Labour Organization would keep continuing support in future and bring back the great achievement of their tasks to Lao PDR, to Lao workers and also to the workers of our global .

Finally but, not least I would like to express my gratitude and since thanks again to Buasone BOUPHAVANH Committee of.....Central Party, Prime Minister of Lao PDR for his Excellency extremely concerned , close cooperation and guided us as his Excellency priority tasks. This is a main issue of the government that have to concentrate on appropriate developing measurement in the term of protection and management of labour in general. Skills development and providing an opportunity to all population to be employed, have more incomes and get the better lives.

I would like to give best wish to Mr. Vang Ji Yaun Deputy of Excutive Director of International Labour Organization of.....