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“Education: the right response to child labour” – Events in Mongolia

BEIJING (ILO News) – June 12th of each year is the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL). Each World Day has taken up a particular aspect of the worst forms of child labour. The theme of this year’s WDACL is “Education: the right response to child labour”. Taking into account the specific theme of this year’s WDACL, ILO/IPEC project in Mongolia has planned to undertake activities with the objectives to:

- Raise awareness and attention of policy and decision makers, researchers, teachers, parents and children on role and significance of education for preventing and removing children from the worst forms of child labour;
- Influence on define and implement strategies and actions to improve access of children dropping out of school, working children and children in rural areas to education service;
- Influence on providing the quality education for each children.

Under the above objectives, the ILO/IPEC will, in collaboration with the Mongolian Government, observe the World Day against Child Labour on 12 June 2008 in Ulaanbaatar. Ms. Bolormaa, Member of Government and Minister of Education, Culture and Science will attend this event. During this one-day seminar, the Government will launch a new strategy for the full integration of children of compulsory education age to education, and report on the results of activities and studies undertaken relating to the WDACL in 2007.

As follow-up this event, on 26 September, Mongolian teachers day against child labour, the Mongolian Trade Union of Teachers with the Association of School Social Workers will organize one-week long campaign in schools to increase awareness of the link between child labour and education with teachers, children and parents.

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