

ILO Forum
ILO's Recent Initiatives to Combat Human Trafficking

The ILO Office in Japan is pleased to announce that it will organize a lecture meeting on human trafficking on 1 October, 2004, at the Elizabeth Rose Hall, United Nations House in Tokyo (United Nations University Headquarter Building).

Human trafficking, a modern form of slavery, is a subject of growing concern in the world. The ILO considers this human trade as a form of forced labor; it addresses this issue as a part of its effort to promote international labour standards on work and human rights, on the basis of the two core ILO Conventions: the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and the Worst Form of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182). The next Global Report in 2005 will take up the issue of human trafficking as a serious global challenge.

Ever since the ILO launched in 2001 the Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour (SAP-FL), approved by the ILO Governing Body, Mr. Roger Plant has engaged in the activities as the Head of the programme. He will present recent ILO's programmes against human trafficking, particularly those in the developed nations, and their achievements. He will also present a training manual prepared by the ILO to monitor the recruitment of migrants, and legal guidelines and practical actions on human trafficking.

Ms. Gao Yun, Legal Officer of SAP-FL, conducted a study on Chinese Migrants and Forced Labour in Europe. She coordinates a new ILO project on human trafficking in and from China.

Those who are interested in the subject of human trafficking are particularly welcome to attend this forum. Please send us e-mail with your name and affiliation (title) to ilotrafficking@ilotokyo.jp for registration. (Admission free, Simultaneous English/Japanese translation will be provided)

Notice

Date and time: 14:00-16:30, Friday, 1 October 2004 (registration begins at 13:30)
Venue: Elizabeth Rose Hall
5F, UN House (United Nations University), 5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-Ku, Tokyo
Speaker: Mr. Roger Plant, Head of the ILO Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour

Programme (tentative)

13:00 Registration
14:00 Opening remarks by Ms. Mitsuko Horiuchi, Director, ILO Office in Japan
14:15 Report by Mr. Roger Plant
14:55 Report by Ms. Gao Yun
15:35 Q & A, open discussion
16:30 Closing