

International Symposium
“Changing World of Work and Future Labour Policy
– Decent Work for All toward a Resilient and Sustainable Society”

Organized by the ILO Office in Japan and Cooperated by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (TBC) and the ILO Association of Japan, INC

Date: 13:30-17:30, Wednesday 27th February 2008

Venue: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall at UN House in Tokyo

Languages: English and Japanese (with simultaneous interpretation)

The G8 Labour Ministers Meeting is to be held in Niigata from 11th to 13th May 2008 with the participation of high level participants from G8 countries, ILO, OECD and EU. The meeting aims to find solutions to common labour-related issues for developed countries.

The ILO Office in Japan is going to organize an International Symposium under the theme of **“Changing World of Work and Future Labour Policy – Decent Work for All toward a Resilient and Sustainable Society,”** inviting as speakers the participants to the Preparatory Meeting for the G8 Labour Ministers Meeting to be held in Chiba from 28th to 29th February. The ILO has set “Decent Work for All” as the goal of the Organization in the 21st century. World of work is experiencing considerable changes, particularly in developed countries, and appropriate labour policies should be developed in this response.

The symposium will consist of three sessions. Following presentations by the experts from international organizations, country presentations will be made by some participants in the Preparatory Meeting on current issues concerning the world of work and labour policies in respective countries. The last part will be a discussion and Q&A session including Japanese social partners on "Changing world of work in the globalized society and the role of Government and Social Partners".

To register, please send your name, affiliation and contact address by **25 February** to the ILO Office in Japan (fax: 03-5467-2700 or e-mail: ilo-tokyo@ilotokyo.jp).

Programme (tentative)

13:30 Opening

13:40 Part I Presentations : “Decent Work for All toward a Resilient and Sustainable Society”

I Stephan Pursey, Director, Policy Integration and Statistics Department, ILO, “Changing Patterns in the World of Work and the ILO Action”

II Paul Swaim, Principal Administrator, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD, “Labour Policies for a Resilient and Sustainable Society”

III Sachiko Yamamoto, Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and Pacific, ILO “ILO and Green Job Initiative (Environmentally-friendly jobs)”

14:40 Part II Country presentation by participants of G8 Labour Ministers’ Preparatory Meeting (around 15:15 15 minute coffee break)

16:00 Part III Comments, Discussion and Q&A

“Changing World of Work in the globalized society and the role of Government and Social Partners”

Moderator: Mr. Masahiko Hayashi, Senior Advisor for International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

Commentators: Mr. Hiroyuki Matsui, Labor Policy Bureau II, Japan Business Federation

Ms. Yuko Hasegawa, Executive Director, Department of Working Conditions, JTUC-

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17:20 Closing (17:30-18:15 Coffee and Tea session. All participants are cordially invited.)