

ILO Office in Japan / The ILO Association of Japan co-organized Seminar

“Employment and Labour Trends in China
under the Global Economic Crisis”

Financial crisis which started in the US has spread to the world now. How China, the world leading country of the trade surplus in 2008 is affected in its labour and employment aspects under the present economic crisis?

On the occasion of her visit to Japan, Ms. Constance Thomas, Director of the ILO Office for China and Mongolia in Beijing, speaks on the employment and labour issues of the moment in China.

- ◇ **Date & Time:** Thursday, 29 January 2009 from 10:00 to 11:30
- ◇ **Place:** United Nations University 5F Elizabeth Rose Hall
(Shibuya-ku, Jingumae 5-53-70 10 min. walk from JR Shibuya Station or
Tokyo Metro Omotesando Station)
 - * English-Japanese consecutive interpretation provided
- ◇ Registration by e-mail or fax with information of name, affiliation and contact to **ilo-tokyo@ilotokyo.jp** or fax to **03-5467-2700**.

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Ms. Thomas holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law, California, United States, Certificates in International and Comparative Law, Masters Thesis and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Economics from the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States. She passed the California Bar Exam in 1981.

Ms. Thomas joined the ILO in 1990 in the International Labour Standards Department. From 1994-1998 she worked in the ILO Subregional Office for the Caribbean in Port-of-Spain as Senior Specialist for International Labour Standards, Labour Law and Gender Issues. In 1998 she was appointed Section Chief of the Equality and Employment Branch of the International Labour Standards Department. She was the ILO liaison to the UN CEDAW, and other UN treaty bodies.

Prior to joining the ILO, Ms. Thomas was an attorney in private practice in San Francisco, California, specializing in the fields of constitutional law and labour law. From 1984 to 1990 she often served as a consultant/expert to the ILO in areas of conditions of work, industrial relations, safety and health, labour standards, human rights and gender issues. She has published numerous articles on issues of international law, international labour standards and equality issues.