GLOBAL CRISIS

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GLOBALIZATION

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GOVERNANCE CONVENTIONS

Towards widespread ratification and effective implementation of the governance conventions: labour inspection, employment policy, and tripartite consultation. Plan of action (2010-2016)

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Synthesis of a new series of “Studies on Growth with Equity”, this paper by the International Institute for Labour Studies (IILS) of the ILO shows that growth and equity can be achieved in parallel if the right mix of policies is put in place. It is based on findings from reviews for three countries [Brazil, Germany, and Indonesia] which are available and presented.

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Indonesia: reinforcing domestic demand in times of crisis

The Indonesia’s post-crisis economic and labour market performance has been remarkable, even in comparison with other Asian countries that have also fared well. This report examines in detail the macroeconomic developments which occurred during the course of the crisis with particular emphasis on reviewing how the labour market has coped over this period. Indonesia was one of the few economies to have demonstrated resilience to the global crisis in terms of both growth and employment.

The study shows that the ability of this country to weather the crisis was almost entirely due to the country’s reliance on a series of strong social protection schemes which were implemented after the 1997 Asian financial crisis. It also addresses the challenges which lie ahead and the areas for improvement.

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Brazil: an innovative income-led strategy

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Brazil, while not immune to the effects of the financial and economic crisis, has fared reasonably well compared to many countries in terms of economic and labour market performance. This report examines the way in which social protection measures were utilized in order to mitigate the social and economic effects of the crisis. It also addresses the challenges which lie ahead and the areas for improvement.

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Germany: a job-centred approach

Despite a dramatic decline in output as a result of the global financial and economic crisis, Germany’s labour market held up well compared with other countries. Although the economy shrunk by 4.7 per cent in 2009, more than in most other countries, employment fell by only 0.2 per cent, whereas the average for the industrialised countries was five times worse than in Germany. Socially-inclusive policies were key to Germany’s success in responding to the crisis and should serve as the foundation for future action. This was the conclusion reached by the first comprehensive assessment of Germany’s policy to tackle the crisis, issued by the ILO.

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Spain: quality jobs for a new economy

The International Institute for Labour Studies (IILS), a research arm of the International Labour Organization (ILO), is to launch its fourth report in the series “Studies on Growth with Equity” in Madrid on Monday, 27 June 2011.

The new study “Spain: Quality Jobs for a New Economy” takes an in-depth look at the Spanish labour market and economy and offers a set of policy recommendations on how the Spanish economy can best recover from the recent crisis. It also includes a series of comprehensive statistics and trends related to the labour market in Spain.

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**OTHERS**

**ADB annual report, 2010**  
*Volume 1: main report*  
*Volume 2: financial report*

Publisher: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

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**Asian Productivity Organization (APO)**  
*productivity databook, 2011*

The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is a regional intergovernmental organization, established in May 1961 as part of a productivity initiative to drive greater economic development in the Asia and the Pacific region. The publication aims to provide a cross-country comparison of economic growth and productivity levels of Asian countries in relation to global and regional economies.

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**Labor issues in Korea, 2010**

The studies in this book are not meant to provide an overview of Korea’s employment and welfare to the novice. Rather, they are intended for those who are already equipped with a certain level of understanding providing more in-depth discussion on the recent changes in Korea’s employment and welfare, newly rising issues, the perspectives and policies regarding them, as well as evaluation of such policies.

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