

### Message from the ILO Regional Director



Welcome to this first edition of "News@ILO". This e-newsletter will be distributed monthly, with the aim of keeping our constituents, contacts and friends up-to-date with the latest ILO activities and news relating to the world of work in Asia and the Pacific. It will also be posted on the Regional Office's website: [www.ilo.org/asia](http://www.ilo.org/asia).

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Thank you for your interest in and support for the ILO.

Sachiko Yamamoto, ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific

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### Workshop on CSR and SMEs in Indonesia

An ILO/ASEAN Technical Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) was held in Bali, Indonesia from 28-29 September. [Click for more](#)

### Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

This conference on the impact of the economic crisis discussed opportunities to make social and economic development in Asia more inclusive. The meeting also served as the 3rd China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction and the 4th ASEAN+3 High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction. It was held in Hanoi, Viet Nam, from 28-30 September. [Click for more](#)

### ILO mission to the Philippines on Freedom of Association and Right to Organize

A high level ILO mission visited the Philippines from 22 to 29 September to review matters relating to the application of the Convention on Freedom of Association and the Right to Organize (No. 87). [Click for more](#)

### Road Show highlights Strategic Collective Bargaining for Employers

A road show aimed at improving collective bargaining and negotiation skills of employers has visited four countries. Two-day workshops were held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (7-8 September), Hanoi, Viet Nam (10-11 September), Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (14-15 September) and Shi Jiazhuang, China (17-18 September).

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## Domestic Workers Campaign

Countries throughout Asia and the Pacific are preparing their inputs to a proposed international instrument recognizing the work of domestic workers and extending social protection to them. The responses will be used for discussions at the International Labour Conference in Geneva in June 2010. National Tripartite Consultations on Domestic Work were held in [Bangkok](#) (10 September) and [Vientiane](#) (18 September).

## Green Jobs Initiative in Bangladesh

In support of the ILO's Green Jobs Initiative, the Bangladesh Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training and Grameen Shakti signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Dhaka on 16 September 2009, focusing on the promotion of renewable energy through training solar technicians. [Click for more](#)

## Launch of Alliance for Women Workers Rights in Bangladesh

The Alliance for Women Workers Rights (AWWR) was officially launched in Dhaka on 6 September. The AWWR will promote women workers' rights, focusing on equal pay, minimum wages, maternity leave, and the elimination of sexual harassment and workplace discrimination. [Click for more](#).

## Feature

### Climate change in Jabonga, Philippines – the water is already rising



Ginging Poyo cuddles her baby after a day's work. The 31-year-old mother is a part of a maintenance staff of a lake resort in Jabonga, a town in the province of Agusan del Norte. Jabonga seems to have many natural advantages to offer a young family: a view of mountains, rock formations, underwater caves, waterfalls, diving sites and a fresh water lake. However, changing weather trends in Jabonga are affecting many residents, including Ginging and her family.

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## Look Ahead

### ILO/Aoyama Gakuin University Lecture Series 2009/2010

For the second year the ILO and Japan's Aoyama Gakuin University are co-organizing a series of lectures around the theme of Decent Work. A series of 13 lectures is planned between 24 September 2009 and 14 January 2010.

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### Training of trainers on Gender and Entrepreneurship in Cambodia

A series of trainings targeting laid off workers to gain "business mindset" and learn skills to become entrepreneurs will be conducted in Phnom Penh (28 September-2 October), Siem Reap (12-16 October), Kampong Cham (26-30 October) and Battambang (30 November-4 December). [Click for more](#).

### National Awareness Raising Workshop on Protecting Your Business and Employees from Pandemic Human Influenza

This workshop provides a forum for employers to meet with experts and learn practical ways of reducing the risk of pandemic human influenza. To be held on 12 October in PutraJaya, Malaysia. [Click for more](#)

## Jobs in Global Production Networks – Crisis and Recovery

Researchers from 15 countries in the region will gather to discuss their findings on employment and working conditions in global production networks. To be held at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand on 13 October.

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Calendar
MTUC/ILO Conference on Realizing Decent Work 5 October, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<a href="#">MOLVT-ILO/Japan Third Consultative Workshop on Formulation of Foreign Employment Policies for Cambodia</a> 6-8 October, Sihanoukville, Cambodia
<a href="#">Symposium on Social Development and International Cooperation in Asia - Tackling Poverty and Employment Issues under the Current Economic Crisis</a> 9 October, Tokyo, Japan
Decent Work Profile Workshop, Malaysia 12 October 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Seminar on Managing and Understanding Labour Migration through Social Dialogue at the Provincial Level <a href="#">12-14 October, Samut Sakorn, Thailand</a> <a href="#">26-28 October, Chiang Mai, Thailand</a>
<a href="#">International Labour Symposium on Economic and Financial Crisis and Employment Problems</a> 14 October, Tokyo, Japan
Workshop on Reviewing the Implementation of the National OSH Programme and the Promotion of Ratification of the ILO Convention 187 15-16 October, Jakarta, Indonesia 29-30 October, Nakornnayok, Thailand
<a href="#">Regional Workshop on Social Dialogue and Industrial Relations</a> 26-27 October, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Step-Down Training on Managing Small Business Associations 26-28 October, East Java, Indonesia
<a href="#">Training Course on Roles of Trade Unions to Protect and Promote the Rights of Migrant Workers</a> 29-30 October, Nakornnayok, Thailand
25th Anniversary of the ILO in Sri Lanka 30 October, Colombo, Sri Lanka
National workshop on the Gaps and Challenges in the Realization of Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining in Thailand 3 November, Bangkok, Thailand
National Workshop on Presentation of Findings from Three Studies relating to Child Labour in Viet Nam 3 November, Hanoi, Viet Nam

## Bookshelf

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Mandatory HIV testing for employment of migrant workers in eight countries of South-East Asia: From discrimination to social dialogue

Bangkok : ILO, 2009, 68 pp.

A study on mandatory HIV testing of migrant workers, with the aim of promoting an informed dialogue for governments, workers' and employers' organizations.

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Promoting occupational health services for workers in the informal economy through primary care units

Bangkok : ILO, September 2009, 20 pp.

This paper reviews and analyses the work of primary care units in Thailand, highlights the impact of their efforts and recommends further steps relating to both national and provincial policy. [Click for more.](#)



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