

## News Round-up

### **Governing Body conclusions on Myanmar**

The ILO Governing Body in Geneva discussed the situation on forced labour in Myanmar based on the report by the ILO Liaison Officer in Yangon and issued a conclusion on 19 November. Click for [the report](#) and [the discussion](#).

### **Thai unions press ratification of Freedom of Association, Collective Bargaining Conventions**

Expressing concern about restrictions on labour rights, Thai trade unions have announced an advocacy campaign to encourage the Government to ratify core international labour standards on freedom of association, the right to organize and collective bargaining. [Click for more.](#)

### **Spreading knowledge on women's entrepreneurship**

Experiences and good practices supporting women's economic empowerment and entrepreneurial development were the focus of a workshop held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 24-25 November 2009. [Click for more.](#)

### **Cambodia's Decent Work Country Programme endorsed**

A national tripartite workshop to endorse Cambodia's Decent Work Country Programme (2008-2010) was held in Phnom Penh on 26 November. [Click for more.](#)



### **I Am Precious competition finalists**

The winners of a dress and t-shirt design competition for Cambodia's garment workers were announced in Phnom Penh on 29 November. More than 1,000 entries were received for the "I Am Precious" competition, organized by the ILO Better Factories project to give garment workers an opportunity to show their skills and creativity. [Click for more.](#)

### **Climate Change, Green Jobs & Decent Work**

To increase trade unions' understanding of the links between climate change policies, green jobs, ILO standards and decent work, a workshop was organised in Bangkok from 30 November to 4 December. [Click for more.](#)

## Feature

### **Helping women and men with disabilities fulfil their potential**



December 3 marks International Day for Persons with Disabilities. The theme this year focuses on the empowerment of persons with disabilities and their communities. Emanuela Pozzan, Subregional Coordinator on Disability looks at one Vietnamese woman whose work in this area has achieved international recognition. [Click for more.](#)

## Look Ahead

### Local employment recovery and skills development

A seminar on Routes out of the Crisis: Strategy for Local Employment Recovery and Skills Development in Asia will be held from 1 to 3 December in Malang (Java), Republic of Indonesia. [Click for more.](#)

### Gender equality mainstreaming strategies

Five workshops aimed at helping key government officials identify and implement effective gender equality mainstreaming strategies (GEMS) and measures will be held in Cambodia. The ILO-organized workshops are scheduled for 1-2 and 3-4 December in Phnom Penh, 14-15 December in Sihanoukville, 17-18 December in Kampong Cham and 29-30 December in Battambang. [Click for more.](#)

### Sri Lanka's Labour & Social Trends report

Sri Lanka's first Labour & Social Trends 2009 report will be launched in Colombo on 8 December. As well as an overview of major labour and social trends it also offers projections to 2020. [Click for more.](#)

### ILO-ASEAN Trade Union Council Seminar on Regional Integration

The seminar aimed at fostering a stronger, more effective sub-regional trade union organization will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 15-17 December. [Click for more.](#)

## Calendar

### [Advisory Group Meeting on Economic and Social Empowerment of Thai and Filipino Migrants including Victims of Trafficking, Returned from the EU and Neighbouring Countries](#)

2-3 December, Bangkok, Thailand

### [Gender Issues](#)

ILO/Aoyama Gakuin University Lecture Series 2009  
3 December, Tokyo, Japan

### [Disability Equality Training](#)

4 December, Vientiane, Lao PDR

### [National Workshop on Reporting System on Occupational Accidents and Diseases](#)

7 December 2009, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

### [Seminar on Awareness-Raising of the ILO Child Labour Conventions: No. 182 Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour, and No. 138 Minimum Age](#)

7-8 December, Hangzhou, China

### [Asian Regional Workshop on the Automotive Industry](#)

7-9 December, Tokyo, Japan

### [ILO SKILLS-AP/Thailand Workshop on Public Private Partnerships to Enhance and Support Skills Development in ASEAN Countries](#)

15-16 December, Bangkok, Thailand

### [Labour Dimensions of Human Trafficking, Understanding the Issue and Effective Responses](#)

15-18 December, Chiang Mai, Thailand

### [National Tripartite OSH Workshop](#)

16-17 December 2009, Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia

### [Gender Challenges in Japan](#)

ILO/Aoyama Gakuin University Lecture Series 2009  
17 December, Tokyo, Japan

### [Workshop on Conditional Cash Transfers as a Means of Promoting Education, Reducing Child Labour and Eliminating Its Worst Forms](#)

19 January 2010, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

[Tripartite High-Level Meeting: Decent Work for Sustainable Development in the Pacific](#)

8-9 February 2010, Port Vila, Vanuatu

[ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems \(OSHMS\) Workshop](#)

9-11 February 2010, Vientiane, Lao PDR

[Occupational Safety and Health Inspection Course](#)

22-26 February 2010, Singapore

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## Bookshelf

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[The Current Status and Evolution of Industrial Relations in Sri Lanka](#)

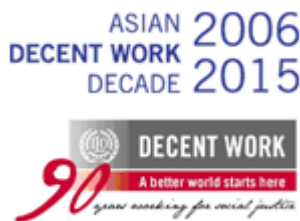
New Delhi: ILO, 2009, 58 pp.

The report focuses on the status and evolution of industrial relations in Sri Lanka. It covers the legal framework, collective bargaining, disputes settlement, tripartism, social dialogue and the main actors in the industrial relations system.

[The ILO Convention on Indigenous and Tribal Populations, 1957 \(No. 107\) and the Laws of Bangladesh: A Comparative Review](#)

Dhaka: ILO, 2009, 80 pp.

This report compares Bangladesh's laws relating to its indigenous (or "tribal") peoples with provisions of the ILO Convention on Indigenous and Tribal Populations, 1957 (No. 107), and other relevant Recommendations and Conventions. It also examines the related implementation process.



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