

News Round-up

Decent work in the Pacific islands

Pacific island Labour Ministers and social partners adopted the Port Vila Statement on Decent Work along with the Pacific Action Plan for Decent Work on 9 February in Port Vila, Vanuatu. The aim is to promote decent work in the Pacific region through a jobs-led recovery. [Click for more.](#)



Ms Sachiko Yamamoto, ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific talks about jobs recovery and the development of decent work for people in the Pacific islands. [Click for more.](#)

India's Decent Work Country Programme

The Government of India, workers' and employers' organizations adopted India's Decent Work Country Programme on 4 February in New Delhi. The 5-year programme focuses on three priorities with social dialogue and strengthening of partners, informal economy and gender equality as the cross-cutting themes. [Click for more.](#)

Decent work in the informal economy

Representatives of workers' organizations shared their experiences and strategies in organizing at the Malaysian Trade Union Congress (MTUC)-ILO workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 22-23 February.

Renewal of ILO Myanmar Supplementary Understanding

The Supplementary Understanding between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the ILO was renewed for one year on 15 February in Myanmar by Mr Kari Tapiola, Executive Director of the ILO's Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector. [Click for more.](#)

Cambodian trade unions and decent work

Representatives of Cambodian trade unions participated in a workshop on 10 February in Phnom Penh to gain better understanding of ILO projects in order to engage in and contribute to achieving the goal of Decent Work.

Seminar on labour migration in Thailand

A national seminar on labour migration policy in Thailand was held on 23 February in Bangkok to consider long-term policies and improve the management of labour migration in Thailand. [Click for more.](#)



EU service providers for migrant workers

Twenty-five representatives of service providers in European Union countries attended a workshop in Bangkok, 16-18 February in order to strengthen the coordination and referral mechanism for the return and reintegration of Thai migrant workers. After the workshop, the group visited communities of returned migrant workers in Khon Kaen Province.

Green Jobs and the Global Economic Crisis

A public seminar on Green Jobs and the Global Economic Crisis was held on 22 February in Tokyo, Japan to Commemorate World Day of Social Justice. [Click for more.](#)

Greener Business in Asia

Experts met in Tokyo 22-23 February to exchange knowledge and ideas on how to achieve energy efficiency in the workplace in the Philippines and Thailand and provide guidance for enterprise-level intervention. [Click for more.](#)

Philippines farming communities fight climate change

The Philippines Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Province of Agusan del Norte and the ILO signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 24 February to find innovative ways to deal with the effects of climate change from drying farms to rising floods. On the same occasion another MOU was signed between ILO and DTI-Caraga to develop economic diversification and innovative financing schemes as well as conduct a value chain analysis and market research. [Click for more.](#)

HIV/AIDS policy development in Lao PDR

Enterprise partners in the hotel sector met with ILO tripartite partners in Vientiane on 17 February to develop a generic policy template on HIV and AIDS in the workplace for individual enterprises.

Feature

A Triumph of enterprise: Sitabai's story



By Neelam Agnihorti, Communication and Information Officer, ILO Subregional Office for South Asia

ILO's tripartite partners in India -- the Government, employers and workers -- formally adopted a Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) for India. The new programme will focus on enhanced opportunities for productive work for women and men, particularly for youth and vulnerable groups. The experience of a worker in Madhya Pradesh Province illustrates what the Decent Work Agenda can mean for workers in this vast country. [Click for more.](#)

Look Ahead

Lao trade union workshop

Lao trade unions will take part in a workshop to promote collective bargaining in the workplace, by introducing the ILO Convention No. 98 and collective bargaining issues and sharing good practices experiences. It will be held in Vientiane, 3-4 March.

ASEAN Workshop on labour market information and analysis

A workshop to enhance the capacity of ASEAN member countries will be held 3-5 March in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. The workshop is jointly organized by the Government of Brunei Darussalam, ASEAN Secretariat, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and ILO. [Click for more.](#)

Workers promote decent work for persons with disabilities in Thailand

Members of workers' organizations met in Bangkok, 4-5 March to discuss their role in helping workers with disability by extending membership and services to them and helping them negotiate for their right to decent work. [Click for more.](#)

Launch of child labour project in Viet Nam

The Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) will organize a signing ceremony and launch of the Project: Programme of Support to the National Time-Bound Programme on the Elimination of the Worst

Forms of Child Labour, 8-9 March in Hanoi.

Decent work for Mongolian informal economy

Representatives of Mongolian trade unions will meet in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 23-24 March to promote decent work in the informal economy through organizing campaigns to protect the rights of informal workers, enhance voice and representation, networking and training at a CMTU-ILO Workshop.

Thailand human influenza pandemic prevention workshop

The National Tripartite Achievement Workshop on the Livelihoods Support for Avian and Human Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness at the Workplace Project will discuss key activities undertaken, training materials developed and future action plans on 26 March in Bangkok. [Click for more.](#)

Calendar
Provincial Department of Labour and Vocational Training 1 March, Siem Reap, Cambodia
Study Tour on Managing Migration for Decent Work in Asia 1 March, Manila, Philippines
Tripartite Workshop on Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining for Sri Lanka, Nepal, the Maldives and Bangladesh 1-2 March, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Lao Federation of Trade Unions (LFTU)-ILO Workshop on Collective Bargaining Practices 3-4 March, Vientiane, Lao PDR
<u>ASEAN Capacity-building workshop on labour market information and analysis</u> 3-5 March, Brunei Darussalam
<u>Increasing capacities fo workers' organizations in Thailand to promote decent work for persons with disabilities</u> 4-5 March, Bangkok, Thailand
<u>Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities: Progress for All - Beijing at 15: Gender Equality, Development and Peace</u> International Women's Day United Nations Public Symposium 8 March, Tokyo, Japan
Signing and Launch of the "Programme of Support to the National Time-Bound Programme on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour" in Viet Nam 8-9 March, Hanoi, Viet Nam
The Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training Annual Conference 11-12 March, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
CMTU-ILO Workshop on Decent Work in the Informal Economy 23-24 March, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Training on Rapid Listing of child labourers targeted for withdrawal 25 March-30 April, Kampot, Kep and Phnom Penh
<u>National Tripartite Achievement Workshop : Livelihoods Support for Avian and Human Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness at the Workplace Project</u> 26 March, Bangkok, Thailand
<u>ILO/SKILLS-AP/HRD Korea Regional Workshop on Improving Workplace Learning and Technical Vocational Education and Training</u> 20-23 April, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Bookshelf

[Managing disability in the workplace : ILO code of practice](#)

Bangkok: ILO, 2010, 40 pp.

A guide for employers in developing a positive strategy in managing disability related issues in the workplace, to be applied in accordance with national laws and practices. New language versions in Bahasa (Indonesian), Chinese (Mandarin), Japanese, Mongolian, Thai, Vietnamese and more.

[Migrant workers remittances from Thailand to Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar: A synthesis report on survey findings in three countries and good practices](#)

Bangkok: ILO, 2010, 40 pp.

The report looks at migrants' earnings and the patterns of remittance sending by nationality, sex, age group, and duration of stay in Thailand and highlights good practices.



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