UNDP Administrator supports ILO Global Jobs Pact
Helen Clark, United Nations Development Programme Administrator says that the ILO Global Jobs Pact “paves the way” for countries seeking a “fair and just” way out of the global recession. She was attending the ILO Governing Body meeting in Geneva mid March. ILO member States will review economic recovery in the region at the 15th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting to be held in Bangkok, 12-15 October. [Click for more].

International Women’s Day – Domestic Work in Asia and the Pacific
A dozen countries in Asia and the Pacific say ‘yes’ in principle to international labour standard for domestic workers. A global discussion will be held at the International Labour Conference in Geneva in June. [Click for more].

Trafficking prevention in China
ILO and the All-China Women’s Federation (ACWF) launched its second phase of the Project to Prevent Trafficking for Labour Exploitation in China (CP-TING, Phase II) in Beijing on 17 March. Funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the project aims to reduce the trafficking of women and children for labour and sexual exploitation. [Click for more]

Launch of new project to combat child labour in Viet Nam
The project of Support to the National Time-bound Programme on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour was launched in Hanoi, 29-30 March. The 4 year project covers 5 provinces/cities: Hanoi, Lao Cai, Ninh Binh, Quang Nam and Dong Nai. It is funded by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID).

ILO IPEC in Cambodia receives medal
The Royal Government of Cambodia conferred the Sahametrei Sena Medal to Mr M.P. Joseph, Chief Technical Advisor of the ILO International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour in recognition of ILO’s work, on 12 March in Phnom Penh. [Click for more].

Effects of the crisis on Cambodian garment workers
A new ILO survey of garment workers in Cambodia reveals that many workers face hardship -- from reduced incomes to job losses -- due to the economic slowdown. [Click for more].

ASEAN capacity-building on labour market information and analysis
A workshop to build capacity of ASEAN Member Countries was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 3-5 March. It was jointly organized by the Government of Brunei Darussalam, ASEAN Secretariat, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and ILO. [Click for more].
ILO-FAO joint initiative in the Philippines
ILO and the Food and Agriculture Organization recently launched a project to help fishers, farmers and workers in a Philippine province affected by conflicts and natural disasters.  Click for more.

Thai unions promote decent work for persons with disabilities
Representatives of worker organizations in Thailand met to discuss the role of trade unions in promoting the rights, employability and employment of women and men with disabilities at a workshop in Bangkok, 4-5 March.  Click for more.

China National Green Jobs Conference
Green jobs creation and skills development and China’s strategy on green economy and climate change was the focus of a national conference held in Beijing, 30-31 March.  Click for more.

Decent work for Mongolian informal economy
Representatives of Mongolian trade unions met in Ulaanbaatar, 23-24 March to promote decent work in the informal economy by organizing campaigns to protect the rights of informal workers, enhance voice and representation, and promote networking and training at a Confederation of Mongolian Trade Unions-IL&O Workshop.

Nepal workshop on labour inspection
Training on labour inspection for labour inspectors and senior labour officials was held 1-3 March in Kathmandu. The course shares best practices and international experience with the aim of improving labour inspectorate competencies and performance.  Click for more.

Nepal workshop on lobbying and advocacy
An international Conference on Lobbying and Advocacy for employers’ representatives and Chambers and Industry was held in Kathmandu, 25-26 March. Click for more.

Rural road maintenance workshop
A workshop presenting findings and lessons learnt from the Team-Based Maintenance of Rural Roads (TBMRR) in Nepal was held in Kathmandu on 30 March.  Click for more.

Employment creation and peace building through local economic development
The preliminary findings of the evaluation on the ILO/Employment Creation and Peace Building through Local Economic Development Project were discussed by the tripartite constituents and key stakeholders in Kathmandu on 31 March.  Click for more.

Timor-Leste vocational training
A presentation on Timor-Leste’s market-oriented vocational training system was held in Dili on 17 March.  Click for more.

Promoting ILO core Conventions in Maldives
A tripartite seminar on the eight core Conventions of the ILO took place 8-10 March in Male with the aim of identifying ways forward for ratification of these conventions.  Click for more.

Capacity-building for trade unions in Maldives
A workshop to build the capacity of trade unions and trade associations in Maldives was held on 7 March in Male.  Click for more.
New ILO Nepal web site

Nepal is the latest ILO Office to launch its new web site: www.ilo.org/kathmandu in March. This follows other sites launched in the region so far: Asia (www.ilo.org/asia), Bangladesh (www.ilo.org/dhaka), Indonesia (www.ilo.org/jakarta), Myanmar (www.ilo.org/yangon) and Sri Lanka (www.ilo.org/colombo).

Feature

Indigenous Cambodians’ long wait for collective land ownership

By Sandra Yu, Local Strategies for Decent Work Specialist, ILO Subregional Office for East Asia, Sek Sophorn, National Coordinator and Min Muny, Consultant in Cambodia

(Modulkiri Province, Cambodia) Joy is etched into the faces of indigenous families who have gathered here to celebrate the Royal Government of Cambodia’s preparations to formally recognize their community. On the eve of the general assembly of the people of the Orona, Phnong Group in Keo Seima, Mondulkiri Province, the community’s elders in colourful head dress share wine and stories of how their ancestors had appeared in their dreams dancing in celebration of the triumph that is about to unfold. Click for more.

Look Ahead

Improve workplace learning and vocational training

A workshop to assist ILO member States to strengthen approaches to workplace learning and to improve systems in ensuring the quality of skills development will be held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, 20-23 April 2010.

Better Factories Cambodia Buyers Forum

The ILO Better Factories Cambodia will hold an international clothing brands and other industry Buyers Forum to discuss improvements in working conditions and future direction of the BFC programme in Phnom Penh, 6-7 May.

Regional Seminar on Measuring Decent Work in Asia

The ILO/European Commission Project: Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work (MAP) will hold a technical seminar on measuring decent work in Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand from 25 to 27 May.
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