

News Round-up

ASEAN labour meetings and report

The [21st ASEAN Labour Ministerial Meeting](#) was held in Hanoi on 24 May under the theme: Human Resources for Economic Recovery and Development. The meeting aimed to address the impact of the global financial crisis on labour markets in ASEAN by increasing productivity and creating employment opportunities. It was followed by the [2nd ASEAN Human Resources Conference](#) on 25 May which looked at ways to improve ASEAN's workforce by giving them skills and competencies that match the labour market needs.

For the meeting the ILO prepared the [Labour and Social Trends Report](#) which shows that ASEAN countries have rebounded remarkably from the global economic crisis and many are recording pre-crisis economic growth levels. However they face key challenges such as rebalancing growth, improving workforce skills, rebuilding employment and accelerating their productivity to compete with India and China. [Click for more.](#)

Global report on child labour

This new [ILO global report on child labour](#) calls for "re-energized" global action to fight child labour, amidst growing concern that the impact of the economic downturn has slowed efforts to end the worst forms of child labour by 2010. [Click for more.](#)

Disability training for Thai trade unions

Thai trade unions received training to develop their capacity to integrate persons with disabilities into their organizations and promote the right of disabled persons to decent work. [Click for more.](#)

Korea fellowship training on human resources development

Training to enhance the design and management of skills development policies in Asia and the Pacific was held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, 3-20 May. [Click for more.](#)

Feature

Training and developing Bangladesh's budding professionals



By Arthur Shears, Chief Technical Advisor, ILO Technical and Vocational Education and Training Reform project in Bangladesh

Young university graduate Sadia Priyanka speaks excitedly about a recent marathon trek across her native Bangladesh where she and seven other young professionals have been conducting an ILO-supported survey identifying issues affecting women and persons with disabilities. [Click for more.](#)

Look Ahead

International Labour Conference

The annual International Labour Conference will take place in Geneva from 2 to 18 June. Government, workers' and employers' representatives from the ILO's 183 member States will discuss a range of topics including a standard on HIV/AIDS, the situation of domestic workers and the application of the ILO's Conventions and Recommendations. [Click for more.](#)

World Day against Child Labour

June 12 is observed globally as World Day against Child Labour. Activities will be held worldwide to raise awareness about the use of child labour and the campaign to eliminate the worst forms of child labour by 2016. [Click for more.](#)

Thailand's child labour project discusses best practices

A seminar on best practices and lessons learned from the ILO-International Programme on the Elimination Child Labour (IPEC) Project: Support for National Action to Combat Child Labour and its Worst Forms in Thailand will be held on 10 June in Bangkok. Some 90 national, provincial and local level stakeholders will share their experiences from the four year project, which ends in June. [Click for more.](#)

Calendar

[Skill Building Workshop for Mainstreaming Consultants of SACS on Workplace Interventions and Public Private Partnerships](#)

2-4 June 2010, New Delhi, India

[Financial Education Validation TOT Workshop](#)

3-7 June 2010, Jakarta, Indonesia

[HIV/AIDS Training for Education Officers of CBWE](#)

8-9 June 2010, Hooghly, West Bengal, India

[National Seminar on Child Labour Monitoring in Thailand](#)

11 June, Bangkok, Thailand

[Launch of Labour Migration Policy for Cambodia](#)

16 June 2010, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

[National Seminar on Education Services for Migrant Children: From Policy to Practice and Step Forward](#)

21-22 June, Bangkok, Thailand

[Sri Lanka's Road Map to 2016 – Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour](#)

21-23 June, Colombo, Sri Lanka

[Regional Technical Seminar on Measuring Decent Work in Asia](#)

28-30 June, Bangkok, Thailand

Bookshelf

[Report of the second regional seminar on industrial relations in the ASEAN region](#)

Thailand: ILO, 2010, 196 p.

A report on emerging industrial relations issues and trends in a time of financial and economic crisis. The report comes from a meeting of ASEAN and Japanese tripartite representatives, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3-4 February 2010.

[Demographic ageing and employment in India](#)

India: ILO, 2010, 20 p.

This on-line paper looks at employment and unemployment among older persons in India. The country has the world's second largest elderly population and thus needs an effective and timely policy response.



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