Domestic workers in Asia-Pacific – an International Labour Standard within reach
Millions of people in Asia-Pacific work in the homes of others but they remain unprotected by internationally-agreed labour standards. In June the 99th International Labour Conference in Geneva approved a report that could form the basis of an international Convention and Recommendation extending social protection to domestic workers world-wide. Negotiations on the texts will continue until the 2011 ILC when they will be proposed for adoption. Click for more.

World Day Against Child Labour: Asia-Pacific ‘goes for the goal’
This year’s World Day observances – launched in tandem with the World Cup kick-off – were conducted with an added sense of urgency. Although the rate of child labour is still in overall decline there have been setbacks, especially for boys aged 15–17 years. In Asia-Pacific events were held in 12 countries.

Countries debate plans to eliminate child labour
A meeting to validate a report and draft a roadmap for eliminating the worst forms of child labour in ASEAN by 2016 brought together tripartite constituents from the 10 ASEAN member countries in Bangkok, Thailand, on 28-29 June. Click for more. In Colombo, a high-level conference was organized to make a public commitment to Sri Lanka’s 2016 Roadmap on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour. Click for more. In Thailand, a seminar to share the achievements and lessons learned from a four year ILO-IPEC Project of Support for National Action to Combat Child Labour and its Worst Forms was held in Bangkok on 10 June. Click for more.

Timor Leste and Brazil act on social security
Representatives from Timor Leste and Brazil have signed an agreement on social security development. The agreement was announced during the International Labour Conference in Geneva on 16 June. Click for more.

Greener employment for India
A National Conference on Green Jobs discussed emerging trends, policy options, good practices and the prospects for job creation. The event was jointly organized by India’s Ministry of Labour and Employment and the ILO and was held in New Delhi, India on 24-25 June. Click for more.

Labour and social trends in Viet Nam – new report
Viet Nam has weathered the global economic crisis, but in order to sustain the recovery it should now focus medium-term policy directives towards inclusive development to fully utilize its dynamic and growing labour force, according to a new report on labour and social trends launched in Hanoi on 23 June. Click for more.

Cambodia’s garment sector shows signs of recovery
The Better Factories Cambodia project released its latest Report on Working Conditions in Cambodia’s Garment Sector. The report looks at how Cambodia’s export sector garment factories are complying with national labour law and international labour standards. The report was published in Phnom Penh on 24 June. Click for more.
Jobs bazaar helps Sri Lanka's youth find work
More than 500 young people took part in a Sri Lankan Jobs Bazaar in Ratnapura, Sri Lanka. The event, held in May, brought together young job seekers, employers and training providers. More than 330 vacancies were filled as a result. Click for more. Visit the AP-YouthNet Community of Practice.

Progress towards decent work in Asia
A workshop to help officials, workers' and employer's representatives monitor the impact of decent work policies was held in Bangkok, Thailand, 28-30 June. The event aimed to assist them with developing, analyzing and monitoring indicators on decent work, and so enhance the effectiveness of development policies. Click for more.

Feature
Media for Labour Rights 2010 reporting award goes to the Philippines
Filipino domestic workers: the struggle for justice and survival
by Nina Corpuz (pictured left)
Maria (not her real name) was limping when she arrived at the airport of Manila from Saudi Arabia. She is one of the 80 Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who was repatriated in August 2009 by the Philippine government from the Middle East. All of them were women who worked as domestic helpers and fell victim to various kinds of abuses from their employer or the agency that recruited them. Click for more.

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