ILO Regional Director for Asia-Pacific meets UN SG Ban Ki-moon
Ms Sachiko Yamamoto, ILO's Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific greeted UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during his visit to Thailand on 26 October. Mr Ban also met with regional heads of agencies and Thai country office directors.  Click for more

Ship owners, seafarers and governments from the Pacific Islands examine Maritime Labour Convention
Representatives of Governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations from seven Pacific member States met in Nadi to consider what needs to be done to implement the Maritime Labour Convention (2006) in the Pacific.  Click for more

Progress towards an ILO Asia Pacific Community of Practice on Migration
Plans to launch an on-line Community of Practice (CoP) on migration for the region were discussed at a ‘visioning event’ in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The CoP is being designed to provide an interactive forum for professionals to allow them to share knowledge on migration. Click for more

3rd Mekong Youth Forum on Human Trafficking and Migration (MYF3)
Thirty young people from six Mekong countries discussed their experiences of migration and human trafficking directly with regional policy makers. Co-sponsored by the ILO, the forum aims to encourage governments to give young people a greater say in preventing trafficking and creating safer conditions for labour migration. Click for more

ILO launches new statistics database: Short term indicators of the labour market
The ILO has launched a new statistics database containing timely information on the labour market and consumer prices. It aims to provide vital information to policy makers responding to crises.  Click for more

Bachelet supports social floor, gender equality
The Executive Director of UN Women and Chair of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, Michelle Bachelet, has called for a global social protection floor, describing it as “the first line of defence” against the economic crisis.  Click for more

New web sites for ILO Country Offices in Asia-Pacific
Web sites of ILO country offices across Asia have a new look and feel. The latest to adopt the new functionality are the ILO Country Office for China and Mongolia, which has the region's first bilingual site, (English and Mandarin) and the ILO Country Office for Viet Nam.

Employment Insurance (EI) and Employment Injury Insurance (EII)
The importance of employment and injury insurance was highlighted at a training session in Korea. Attended by participants from 10 Asia Pacific countries, the training was designed to help member States improve their social protection systems.  Click for more

Towards a domestic workers’ convention
In anticipation of next June’s International Labour Conference vote on an international labour standard for domestic workers, national trade unions and domestic workers’ organizations from 15 countries gathered in Jakarta to discuss the need for protection.  Click for more
Singapore ratifies ILO Tripartite Consultation Convention (No.144)
The ILO Director-General has welcomed the Government of Singapore’s ratification of Convention 144, saying it will strengthen tripartism and social dialogue and reinforce links to international labour standards and labour legislation.  Click for more

Feature

Pakistan’s Devastating Floods: Rebuilding lives and livelihoods

By M. Saifullah Chaudhry, Senior Programme Officer, ILO Country Office for Pakistan
At least 1.8 million homes were damaged or destroyed and more than 5 million people lost their jobs or had their livelihoods threatened by the devastating summer floods that swept Pakistan. The ILO responded to this emergency with Cash for Work programmes to help those worst affected rebuild their lives. 24-year-old Sher Hassan and his family are among those receiving help.  Click for more

Look Ahead

Step-down workshops on financial education for migrant workers and their families
A series of six workshops designed to improve the financial knowledge of migrant workers and their families will be held throughout Indonesia from 2 to 30 November. This financial education programme has been specially developed by the ILO through its project on Combating Forced Labour and Trafficking of Indonesian Migrant Workers.  Click for more

Seminar on social protection: towards universal coverage in Thailand
Senior officials from the Government, international organizations, academia and civil society will discuss Thailand’s current social protection system and explore ways to move towards basic coverage for all. The seminar will be held on 5 November in Bangkok, Thailand.  Click for more

Public lecture and panel discussion on labour markets in the Pacific
A public lecture and panel discussion on the role of partnerships in labour market information and analysis in the Pacific will be organized by the ILO and the University of the South Pacific on 19 November, in Suva, Fiji.  Click for more

Preventing and managing sexual harassment and equality at work
A national workshop on the development of a Code of Practice on Sexual Harassment at the Workplace will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 23 November 2010, as part of a national campaign to raise awareness about gender equality, the elimination of discrimination and decent work.  Click for more

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Training Needs Assessment for the Industrial Relations Court
24-25 November, Jakarta, Indonesia

Third Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region: Legal Framework and Practice for Labour Dispute and Settlement
25-26 November 2010, Manila, Philippines

Lessons and Tools for Decent Work Seminar: The Case of Indonesia
30 November, Jakarta, Indonesia

Bookshelf

**Impacts of current global economic crisis on Asia’s labor market**
This working paper, prepared for the Asian Development Bank Institute by ILO economists and social and labour market analysts, investigates the labour market and social impact of the global financial and economic crisis in Asia and the Pacific as well as national policy responses to the crisis. It draws on recent macroeconomic, trade, production, investment, and remittance data to assess the employment and social consequences, including falling demand for labour, rising vulnerable and informal employment, falling incomes and the related pressure felt by the working poor.

**Global employment trends for youth: Special issue on the impact of the global economic crisis on youth**
This report incorporates the most recent labour market information available to explore the vulnerability of youth to unemployment and decent work deficits. It shows where progress has or has not been made in utilizing the energy, talent and creativity of young people to boost the productive potential of the economy. It is the fourth in the series, following previous editions in 2004, 2006 and 2008.

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