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News Round-up

Indonesia's lessons and tools for decent work

A seminar to review Indonesia's response to the global financial crisis was held in Jakarta on 30 November. The combination of a fiscal stimulus package, tax cuts and subsidies, and substantial investment in infrastructure helped the country to fare relatively well, particularly in regard to employment creation. Click for more.

Viet Nam's emerging occupational safety and health issues

A national tripartite seminar to review emerging occupational safety and health issues in multinational and large-scale enterprises in Viet Nam was held 25-26 November in Ho Chi Minh City. Click for more.



Strengthening labour market information and analysis in the Pacific

Representatives of the ILO, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, UNESCAP, World Bank, Australia and New Zealand visited Fiji to discuss strengthening labour market information and analysis in the Pacific countries. The joint mission took place from 15 to 26 November. Click for more.

Building a Social Protection Floor for India

Trade unions in India gained a better understanding of social protection floor concepts at a workshop held from 15 to 16 November in Kolkata, West Bengal. This will help them discuss social protection issues with the Government in future. Click for more.



G20 urged to implement commitment to jobs, social protection

At the G20 Summit in Seoul the ILO's Director-General, Juan Somavia, urged the G20 leaders to implement their commitment to the central role of social protection and decent work in global recovery. The G20 concluded on 12 November.

Click for more. The G20 Seoul Summit leader's declaration - [pdf]

Promoting entrepreneurship in West Java

Joint activities to promote entrepreneurship in West Java were discussed at a meeting between the ILO and the local authorities in Bandung, West Java, on 28 October. <u>Click for more</u>.

New specialist newsletters

The latest editions of some ILO Country Office newsletters have just been published. The CO-Manila newsletter focuses on Working together for Filipino youth. The CO-Jakarta released a special edition focusing on Developing women's entrepreneurship in the Papua Highlands. The first edition of the new Asia-Pacific Labour Market Update gives a snapshot of recent economic and labour market trends for some countries in the Asian region. The first edition of the Skills-AP Updates provides the latest on the Asian Decent Work Decade Knowledge Sharing Network on Skills Development and Disabilities.

Feature

Disability and HIV/AIDS—common causes of workplace discrimination



By Emanuela Pozzan, Coordinator on Disability and Wade Bromley, Technical Officer on HIV/AIDS, ILO Decent Work Team, Bangkok

December marks both World AIDS Day (1 December) and the International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December). The proximity of these important events is also a reminder that women and men with disabilities and those living with HIV/AIDS face similar issues of discrimination in the world of work. Click for more.

Stigma doesn't discriminate; a reflection on World AIDS Day 2010

Disability inclusion – good for business

Look Ahead

Green jobs

Representatives of Governments, employers and workers from Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand will meet in Jakarta, 14-15 December to discuss creating a **Community of Practice (CoP) on Green Jobs** for Asia and the Pacific. This CoP will use a web-based, interactive platform to increase understanding of networking, cooperation, knowledge and experience sharing. The workshop will be followed by a **Green Jobs National Conference** in Jakarta on 16-17 December. The Indonesian Government has made a voluntary commitment to reduce green house gas emissions by 2020. The Conference will discuss ways to effectively achieve this goal.

Managing and developing small business association for entrepreneurs

This workshop aims to increase the knowledge and capacity of participants in managing business associations and women's entrepreneur clubs by teaching them to prepare action plans to improve their activities/services. It will be held 1-2 December in Ho Chi Minh City and will include participants from Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong and Dong Nai Provinces. Click for more.

Competency-based training to match skills needs in Indonesia

To meet rapidly changing workforce skills needs stemming from new technology, innovations and globalisation, a skills upgrading workshop for instructors of BLKI Sorong will be held from 10 to 20 January 2011 in Jakarta. Click for more.

Calendar

National Achievement Workshop on Improvement of Working Conditions in Agriculture with WIND Programme

7-8 December 2010, Can Tho City, Viet Nam

Social Marketing with Yayasan Dharma Bhakti Astra

8 December 2010, Jakarta, Indonesia

SCORE Module Two on Quality Management Workshop

14 December 2010, Jakarta, Indonesia

Fifteenth Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting

10-13 April 2011, Kyoto, Japan

Bookshelf

ILO Report for the G20 Summit in Seoul - [pdf]

Geneva: ILO, November 2010, 12 pp. Also available in French and Spanish.

The ILO report published for the G20 Summit in Seoul looked at employment and labour market trends in G20 countries and found a weak employment recovery, persistently high unemployment and decent work deficits.

Cambodia: Policy on labour migration for Cambodia - [pdf]

Cambodia: ILO, 2010, 55 pp. Also available in Khmer.

This policy paper covers the key issues and policy challenges confronting Cambodia in managing cross-border movements of labour and protecting Khmer migrant workers. The paper examines the medium-term employment and demographic outlook in Cambodia, looking at migration pressures and opportunities created by labour migration.



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