New ILO Global Employment Trends Report
The ILO launched the report *ILO Global Employment Trends 2011: The challenge of a jobs recovery* on 25 January. The report finds that in Asia Pacific job recovery is lagging behind economic growth. In addition there are concerns about inflation, youth unemployment and working poverty. [Click for more.]

APYN explores ways to increase youth employment in Asia and the Pacific
Members of the AP YouthNet from eight countries in the region met in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 25 to 28 January to discuss how their Community of Practice can support youth employment in the region. [Click for more.]

Viet Nam honours ILO work
Viet Nam’s Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) honoured two ILO officials for their work on occupational safety and health (OSH). The ILO’s Youth Employment through Local Economic Development project in Quang Nam Province also received two awards from the Provincial Peoples Committee for its work creating job opportunities and enhancing the employability of young people. Photo: The presentation ceremony for the ILO OSH awards.

India prepares for Work in Fishing Convention
Preparations for India’s ratification of the Convention on Work in Fishing (No. 188) were discussed at the second in a series of national workshops, held from 24 to 25 January in Vishkapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. [Click for more.]

Support for Green Jobs policies grows
National conferences on Green Jobs were held in Colombo, Sri Lanka (from 24 to 25 January) and Jakarta, Indonesia (16-17 December). Delegates and policy-makers discussed emerging trends, policy options and success stories that can help their countries move towards a sustainable, low carbon development model.

International Migrants Day marked in Indonesia
International Migrants Day (18 December) and the 20th Anniversary of the Adoption of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, were marked in Indonesia with a series of events aimed at raising public awareness of the rights of migrant workers. The events were held 17-18 December in Jakarta. [Click for more.]

New ILO migration project focuses on workers in South-East Asia
A new ILO project to improve the governance of cross-border labour migration in South-East Asia has been launched. The five-year project, known as TRIANGLE (Tripartite Action to Protect Migrant Workers from Labour Exploitation), covers activities in Cambodia, China, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam and is supported by the Australian Government. [Click for more.]

ILO Global Wage Report
The ILO’s *Global Wage Report 2010/11: Wage policies in times of crisis*, found that wage growth in Asia remained positive, but slow, during the worldwide financial and economic crisis. The report was launched on 15 December. [Click for more.]

Child labour in small-scale mining
The situation of children working in small-scale mining was highlighted in an ILO presentation to a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) meeting, the *Global Forum on Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining* in Manila, 7-9 December 2010. UNEP is preparing a legally binding, global instrument on the use of Mercury. [Click for more.]
In preparation for the ILO’s Fifteenth Asia Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM), which will be held in Kyoto, Japan, from 10 to 13 April, News@ILO will be highlighting some of the special themes on the agenda. This month the focus is on Green Jobs.

Youth join green jobs push in China

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Mr Yang Shumbo, an electronic sciences student in Chengdu, China invented a device to save electricity. He developed this into a business under a pilot project of the Greener Business Option (GBO), an ILO Green Jobs Programme initiative.

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Look Ahead

Employers’ workshop on law and tax benefits for hiring people with disabilities
The Employers’ Confederation of Thailand, Thammasat University’s Department of Law and the ILO will hold a workshop on 8 February in Bangkok to discuss new laws and tax benefits for employers who hire people with disabilities. Click for more.

Child Labour Knowledge Sharing System Users Training
A national training programme on the Child Labour Knowledge Sharing System, a new web portal created to foster knowledge sharing and collaboration between anti-child labour advocates, will take place in the Philippines between 21 February-18 March. Click for more.

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The ILO report: Global Employment Trends: The challenge of a jobs recovery, assesses how the world’s labour markets have fared during the economic recovery, and provides projections of employment prospects for 2011, regionally and globally.

Mapping report of vocational training and employment for people with disabilities in Viet Nam - [pdf 1099 KB]
Viet Nam: ILO, January 2011, 43 pp. Also available in Vietnamese.
An overview of organisations of or representing people with disabilities, and services related to vocational training, employment and entrepreneurship for people with disabilities. Specific focus has been placed on organisations and services for women with disabilities.

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