Viet Nam recognizes ILO’s contribution
Ms Rie Vejs-Kjeldgaard, Director of the ILO Country Office for Viet Nam received an award from the Vice Minister of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs Nguyen Thanh Hoa in recognition of ILO’s contribution to labour, social and invalids’ affairs. The ceremony took place in Hanoi on 26 July. Click for more.

Survey and discussion on public attitudes towards migrant workers in Asia
A recent ILO survey shows there is limited support for migrant workers’ rights among the public in Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand. Campaigns are being conducted to raise awareness of the positive contribution of migrant workers, including the newly-launched Saphan Siang (“Bridge of Voices”) campaign in Thailand. Click for more.
AP-MagNet is running a discussion forum on public attitudes to migrant workers from 20 July to 10 August. Click here to take part.

Convention and Recommendation for Domestic Workers adopted
The historic Convention and Recommendation Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers, aimed at improving the working conditions of tens of millions of domestic workers worldwide, were adopted at the 100th International Labour Conference in Geneva on 16 June. Click for more.

Japan-ILO agreement to boost social protection in Asia
An agreement aimed at bolstering the development of social safety nets in Asia and the Pacific was signed by Mr Juan Felipe Hunt Ortiz, Director of the Department of Partnerships and Development Cooperation and Mr Taro Muraki, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare in Geneva on 15 June. Click for more.

Singapore-ILO partnership to improve labour and workplace practices
A two-year partnership agreement to improve human resource development and workplace practices in the ASEAN region was signed by Ms Sachiko Yamamoto, ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific and Mr Loh Khum Yean, Permanent Secretary of Singapore’s Ministry of Manpower in Geneva on 15 June. Click for more.

Singapore ratifies Maritime Labour Convention
Singapore became the first Asian country to ratify the ILO Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006 in Geneva on 14 June. So far 30 countries have ratified the Convention with 16 more ratifications expected before the end of 2011. This would allow the MLC, 2006 to enter into force in 2012. Click for more.

World Day against Child Labour
June 12 is observed globally as World Day against Child Labour. This year’s theme highlighted the issue of children in hazardous work and activities were held throughout the region to raise awareness. Click for more.

Latest newsletters and updates
### Other Recent Events

No newsletter was published in July because of the summer break. Details of events that took place in June can be found by clicking here.

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**Feature**

**Young Timorese beautician is a cut above the rest**

*By Matt Crook for the ILO Liaison Office for Timor-Leste*

Eugenia de Jesus Cardoso now runs a successful beauty salon in her hometown, in Maliana, Timor-Leste. She gained the business and specialist skills needed during a training programme run by the Timor-Leste Government and the ILO’s Youth Employment Promotion (YEP) programme. [Click for more.]

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**Look Ahead**

**Green Jobs Training and Conference**

In line with its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26 per cent by 2020, Indonesia will conduct a Green Jobs Foundation Training in Jakarta, 8-9 August, to assist in fully integrating this policy into the national economic development plan.

In the Philippines, some 300 green jobs partners and advocates will discuss “Promoting Green Jobs and Decent Work towards Inclusive Growth”, at the First Philippines Green Jobs Conference in Pasay City, Philippines, 15-16 August.

**Jobs and alternatives to migration for youth**

To mark International Youth Day on 12 August, a high level event, Kabataan (Youth) Jobs and Alternatives to Migration (KA JAM) will be held in Pasay City, Philippines. President Benigno Aquino III will deliver the keynote address and participants will discuss key youth employment and migration priorities. [Click for more.]

**15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting, Kyoto, 4-7 December**

The 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting has been rescheduled for 4-7 December in Kyoto, Japan. The Meeting will consider the challenges of realizing decent work across Asia and the Pacific, mindful of the region’s great diversity, the impact of natural disasters and rapidly changing social, economic and political developments in the Middle East. Discussions will focus on employment and social protection, fundamental principles and rights at work, social dialogue, economic, social and environmental sustainability and greater regional cooperation. [Click for more.]

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Seminar-Workshop on the improved use of international labour standards in dispute settlement for DOLE arbiters, mediators, and conciliators  
18-19 August, Batangas, Philippines

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Contingency Planning Workshop  
23-26 August, Quezon, Philippines

Birthing Station Ceremonies  
1 September, Unisan & Mulanay, Quezon, Philippines

CSR Fundamentals: Spotlight on Labour in a Changing Japan and a Changing World  
2 September, Tokyo, Japan

Technical Vocational Training for Youth in Bondoc Peninsula  
5-17 September, Pagbilao, Quezon, Philippines

Meeting of the Sixth Joint Steering Committee of ILO/Japan OSH Project  
8 September, Thanh Hoa, Viet Nam

JCCU–ILO Joint Study Programme for African Cooperative Leaders in Japan  
25 September-2 October, Tokyo, Japan

Bookshelf

Training for rural economic empowerment: users' manual for planning and implementing programmes in Pacific Island Countries  
A manual on community-based training for rural economic empowerment, designed to help create sustained income earning opportunities, particularly among youth in rural areas of the Pacific Island Countries.

Labour and social trends in Cambodia 2010  
This report analyzes the latest demographic, labour market and economic trends and highlights their policy implications.

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