ILO Director-General’s statement on trade union developments in Fiji
The ILO Director-General, Mr Juan Somavia, issued a statement expressing serious concern about the situation of trade unions in Fiji. Mr Somavia also sent a high level delegation to Fiji 11-13 August to look into the role the ILO could play in encouraging constructive consideration of relevant issues by all parties. Click for more.

Breakthrough in Vanuatu labour legislation
The tripartite constituents from the Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu have achieved a breakthrough in consultations to draft a new Employment Relations Bill. Click for more.

First Philippine Green Jobs Conference
Best practices and innovative measures for promoting and creating green jobs and upgrading enterprises were discussed at the First Philippine Green Jobs Conference held in Manila, 15-16 August. Click for more.

Support for post-conflict reconstruction in northern Sri Lanka
An agreement to procure and install milling equipment that will benefit about 2,000 paddy farmers in northern Sri Lanka, has been signed by ILO and the Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) of Vavuniya North. The new rice mill replaces equipment damaged by civil conflict and will be able to process 4,000 metric tons of raw paddies per year. Click for more.

Indonesia’s social protection floor
Progress towards creating a social protection floor for Indonesia was reviewed at a workshop held in Jakarta on 4 August. Click for more.

ILO-Better Factories Cambodia
The ILO-Better Factories Cambodia released its 26th Synthesis Report on Working Conditions in Cambodia’s Garment Sector, which assesses compliance with Cambodian labour laws and international labour standards in exporting garment factories. The programme has been extended from 2011 to 2013 and the agreement was marked with a signing ceremony in Phnom Penh on 29 July.

Employers’ Organizations study tour for Disability Inclusion
A study tour to promote the inclusion of disabled persons in the workplace on was conducted in Sri Lanka from 18 to 22 July. Representatives of employers’ organizations from China, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Viet Nam visited workplaces which have hired persons with disabilities to learn from their experiences and identify ways to encourage disability inclusion. Click for more.

Latest newsletters
The ILO office in Indonesia has published two new specialist newsletters. Promoting gender equality in the world of work highlights activities by the RBSA Project on Gender Equality Promotion during 2009-2010. A child can grow, an economy can grow - sustainable CSR on child labour for a sustainable economy focuses on ILO Jakarta’s IPEC Project to involve companies in work to eliminate child labour.

Other Recent Events

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29-30 August, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India |
| **Validation Workshop of the Social Protection Assessment Based National Dialogue**  
4 August, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| **National Workshop on Skills Recognition of Migrant Workers**  
4-5 August, Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| **Judicial Colloquium on Human Trafficking and Forced Labour for Magistrates**  
7-9 August, Negombo, Sri Lanka |
| **Green Jobs Foundation Training**  
8-9 August, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| **Training on Generate Your Business Ideas**  
8-11 August, Unisan, Quezon, Philippines |
| **Philippine Employment Projections (PEP) Follow-up Workshop/Seminar**  
8-12 August, Makati City, Philippines |
| **MOU Signing between ILO and Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Lao PDR**  
9 August, Vientiane, Lao PDR |
| **Workshop on drafting an LFTU migration policy and action plan**  
10-11 August, Vang Vieng, Lao PDR |
| **KA JAM: Kabataan (Youth) Jobs and Alternatives to Migration**  
12 August, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, Philippines |
| **ILO/ADB MOU Annual Review Meeting**  
15 August, Manila, Philippines |
| **Training on Maternal and Child Health Care for Barangay Health Workers from Mulanay, Catanauan and San Narciso**  
17-19 August, 24-26 August, 31 August-2 September, Lucena City, Quezon, Philippines |
| **Value Chain Development in Solid Waste Management Stakeholder Consultation and Validation Workshop**  
19 August, Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| **Pilot Awareness Training on Work Adjustment for Recycling and Managing Waste (WARM)**  
22-23 August, Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Contingency Planning Workshop**  
23-26 August, Quezon, Philippines |
| **International Seminar on Collective Bargaining at Branch/Sector Level**  
24-25 August, Harbin, Hei Longjiang, China |
| **The 10th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP): "Diverse Voices, United Actions"**  
26-30 August, Busan, Republic of Korea |
| **National Workshop on Skills Development for Employer Organizations**  
31 August-1 September, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India |
In preparation for the ILO’s 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM), which will be held in Kyoto, Japan, 4-7 December, News@ILO will be highlighting some of the side event special sessions of the meeting. This month focuses on Partnerships.

Public-Private Partnerships in Asia and the Pacific – the best of two systems

By Wolfgang Schiefer, Chief, Regional Partnerships, Resource Mobilization and UN Reform, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Public-private partnerships are gaining increasing traction in international development cooperation and in the International Labour Organization. It is an innovative and complementary approach for the ILO to promote decent work for people in Asia and the Pacific. Click for more.

Photo: Partnership activities have included business training for earthquake-affected residents of Sichuan, China.

CSR Fundamentals: Spotlight on Labour in a Changing Japan and a Changing World

ILO-Tokyo and the Business of a Better World (BSR), a global NGO focusing on corporate responsibility, will organize a public seminar on how labour issues and emerging trends in Japan, and overseas where Japanese companies have operations or suppliers, are shaping the labour landscape. The event will take place on 2 September in Tokyo. Click for more.

Occupational Safety and Health meeting in Viet Nam

Occupational health specialists and officials will meet to review the achievements so far of this project on work-related safety and health and discuss collaborative mechanisms for the second phase of the project, from 2012 to 2014. The meeting of the Joint Steering Committee of ILO/Japan OSH Project will take place in Thanh Hoa on 8 September. Click for more.

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Bookshelf

**Review on legislations, policies and programmes for the elimination of child labor in Indonesia** - [pdf]


This paper reviews progress made towards eliminating the worst forms of child labour in Indonesia in the past 10 years, and notes gaps in legislation, policies, and programmes.

**Recovery, job quality and policy priorities in developing Asia** - [pdf]


Chapter 3 of *The global crisis: causes, responses and challenges*. It highlights recent economic developments, examines labour market trends and identifies some emerging policy priorities in the post-crisis era, with a focus on job quality, social protection, infrastructure development and inclusive financial services.

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