ILO Director-General's statement on trade union developments in Fiji

Mr Juan Somavia, ILO Director-General has expressed deep regret at the decision of the Government of Fiji to proceed with the publication of regulations to implement the Essential Industries (Employment) Decree, which have far-reaching implications for the exercise of trade union’s rights. Mr Somavia’s statement follows a High-Level ILO mission to Fiji in August which raised the ILO’s concerns. Click for more.

Better Factories Cambodia
The Cambodian Garment Supervisors’ College was launched by the ILO Better Factories Cambodia (BFC) on 18 September in Phnom Penh. The College allows supervisors from different factories to learn about the Cambodian Labour Law. Separately, representatives of international clothing brands attended a Buyers’ Forum in Phnom Penh early September and confirmed their commitment to investigate the incidences of mass fainting in the factories.

ILO Delegation met the Prime Minister of Nepal
An ILO delegation led by the ILO’s Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, Ms Sachiko Yamamoto and the Director of the Bureau for Workers’ Activities (ACTRAV), Mr Dan Cunniah met the Prime Minister of Nepal, HE Mr Jhala Nath Khanal in Katmandu on 18 August. The aim was to promote the ratification of the ILO Convention No. 87 on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to organize (1948) Click for more.

Latest newsletters
The September Better Factories Cambodia Newsletter No. 18, has been published, containing the latest updates on BFC’s activities. The ILO Country Office for the South Pacific Island Countries has also released its September News in Brief, highlighting recent events in the Pacific Island Countries.

Other Recent Events
- Birthing Station Events in Quezon, the Philippines on 1 September:
  - Turn-over Ceremony of Birthing Station, Mulanay
  - Users Training on Child Labour Knowledge Sharing System (CLKSS) for the Provincial Child Labour Committees, Pagbilao
  - Unveiling of Commemorative Marker of Birthing Station, Unisan
- CSR Fundamentals: Spotlight on Labour in a Changing Japan and a Changing World
  2 September, Tokyo, Japan
- Better Work Regional Buyer Forum
  5 September, Hue City, Viet Nam
- Technical Vocational Training for Youth in Bondoc Peninsula
  5-17 September, Quezon, Philippines
- Zonal Meeting on Promotion of Equality at Work in India (manual scavenging)
  7-8 September, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
- Tripartite Technical Workshop on Skills for Trade and Economic Diversification - [pdf]
  8 September, Dhaka, Bangladesh
In preparation for the ILO’s 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM), which will be held in Kyoto, Japan, 4-7 December, this edition of News@ILO focuses on a special meeting event on employment-led disaster reduction and recovery that is being organized by the Government of Japan.

The Role of Employment in Crisis Recovery

By Shukuko Koyama, Crisis Specialist, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Emergency relief aid is the priority in the immediate aftermath of a catastrophe, but recovering jobs and livelihoods are an important part of reconstruction. Through labour-intensive infrastructure rehabilitation projects and other kinds of job creation, the ILO helps disaster victims rebuild their lives. Click for more.

Photo: Ms Liu prepares tea at her restaurant, which she opened after receiving business training from the ILO Livelihood Recovery Project, Sichuan, China. Photo: IFRC, R.Few, 2010.
Look Ahead

**ADB-ILO Seminar - Towards Higher Quality Employment in Asia**
The challenges faced by policy-makers seeking to improve job quality in Asia, support poverty alleviation, social inclusion and greater equality, will be discussed at a seminar hosted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the ILO in Bangkok on 3 October. [Click for more.]

**Training on Equality and Non-discrimination at Work**
A seminar on equality and combating discrimination at work will be held for representatives of the Government, workers and employers, from 4 to 7 October in Hue City, Viet Nam. [Click for more.]

**Asia Regional Conference on Domestic Workers**
Domestic workers' unions, trade unions, civil society groups and others in the region will gather in Manila, the Philippines, 24-26 October at the 2011 Asia Regional Conference on “Advocacy towards the Ratification and Implementation of ILO Convention 189 on Domestic Workers”. [Click for more.]

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Bookshelf

Asian Decent Work Decade Resource Kit
Bangkok: ILO, 2011, 6 booklets
The 2nd edition of the kit comprises six booklets, including an introduction. The others focus on: competitiveness, productivity and jobs; labour market governance; social protection, employability and local development; protecting migrant workers; and the youth employment challenge.

A review of current policies and practices related to the right to equal employment opportunities and non-discrimination of persons with disabilities in Thailand – [pdf]
Bangkok: ILO/Irish Aid/Thammasat University, 67 pp. (in Thai)
An analysis of the situation of persons with disabilities in Thailand, covering employment, relevant laws, and recommendations on promoting equal opportunities. It includes the views of workers with disabilities and their employers.

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