

News Round-up



Prize-winning migrant worker photos on show

A [photo competition](#) to highlight the positive contribution of migrant workers in Thailand was organized as part of the Saphan Siang (Bridge of Voices) campaign in July. An [exhibition](#) of winning entries was held at the Bangkok Art and Culture Centre, Bangkok, 24-29 July. [Click for more.](#)

Boosting tourism in Lao PDR

Improving skills was the focus of a training for Lao Government officials, workers and employers, held in Luang Prabang, 23-27 July. The Swiss-funded project aims to make the tourism industry more competitive and improve the quality and quantity of export goods. [Click for more.](#)

“Asia Week” highlights stories of better lives

Stories showcasing how decent work has improved the lives of some ordinary people in Asia and the Pacific were published in an “Asia Week” feature series that ran 16-20 July: [Viet Nam: Serving markets and workers](#); [The challenge of getting a job in Cambodia](#); [Sri Lanka: New hope for war victims](#); [Thai migrants take recruiters to court](#) and [Philippines: Boosting entrepreneurship to ease jobs crisis](#).

Bangladesh technical and vocational education

H.E. Mr William Hanna, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh visited two pilot skills development initiatives for disadvantaged groups run by the ILO Technical and Vocational Education and Training Reform Project in Dhaka on 11 July. [Click for more.](#)



Indonesian child labour video and website launched

“Indonesia, I am Your Future!” a video diary (click for [synopsis](#)) and an interactive website on child labour and education (www.childlabourvoice.org) was launched on 5 July in Makassar, where some 500 children aged 6-18 work at a dumpsite. [Click for more.](#)

CSR and responsible business practices

Promoting responsible business practices and Corporate Social Responsibility among Korean investors and business communities in Indonesia was the focus of a discussion forum held in Jakarta on 4 July. [Click for more.](#)



Queen of Spain visits Philippines' projects

Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain visited the Philippines from 2-6 July to review Spanish-funded development projects including the [MDG Fund Joint Programme on Alternatives to Migration: Decent Jobs for Filipino Youth](#). [Click for more.](#)

APYouthNet talk show

The latest APYouthNet videocast focused on “Young People and Trade Unions”. For more on the Asia-Pacific YouthNet visit: www.apyouthnet.ilo.org.

Latest Newsletters and Updates

The ILO office in Bangladesh issued its July [Effects on Trade and Employment Project E-Newsletter](#). The ILO's Better Factories Cambodia project produced a [One Change Campaign brochure](#) and the ILO Cambodia office issued its [Quarterly E-Newsletter, No. 5, April-June](#). The [Youth Employment Network Newsletter No. 31, July](#) was also released featuring the latest youth employment activities. The ILO Philippines produced a series of [data/fact sheets](#) on health and nutrition.

Other Recent Events

ILO/Trade Union National Conference on Current Employment Contract Practices and the Need for Changes

27-28 June, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Fourth meeting of the National Skills and TVET Data Working Group

3 July, New Delhi, India

Presentation for Entrepreneurship Development for Youth in the Philippines:

3 July, Antique; 10 July, Maguindanao; 17 July, Agusan del Sur; and 24 July, Masbate

Workshop for developing of a Strategic Framework and Plan of Action for 2013-2017 for Civil Society Network Against Child Labour (CSNACL)

5 July, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Promoting Decent Work for Migrant Health Professionals

6 July, Manila, Philippines

National Labour and Employment Conference 2069 (2012)

9-11 July, Kathmandu, Nepal

Training on Gender Sensitive Value Chain Analysis

9-13 July, Islamabad, Pakistan

Dissemination of National Policy on HIV/AIDS

11 July, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Training on Child Labour Monitoring System for Cambodia:

- For the North Zone Provinces, 12-13 July, Siem Reap
- For the Central Zone Provinces, 19-20 July, Kampong Cham
- For the South Zone Province, K26-27 July, Kep

Foundation Workshop on Green Jobs

16-17 July, Putrajaya, Malaysia

1st Training of Trainers & Training of Enterprises Workshop on 'SCORE Module 2-Quality'

17-18 July, Faridabad, Haryana, India

ILO Decent Work Debate Series: Economics of Decent Work: Well-being and Non-material Dimension of Work

18 July, New Delhi, India

State Level Policy Dissemination Workshop

23 July, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

Launch of the Trade Union Code of Conduct on Child Labour and Trade Union Forums against Child Labour

24 July, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Study Visit on Unemployment Insurance and Employment Services

24-26 July, Bangkok and Ayutthaya, Thailand

National Consultation on Linking Migrant Brick Kiln Workers with Public Services Schemes

27 July, New Delhi, India

Project Launch Workshop Reducing Vulnerability to Bonded Labour in Jharkhand

31 July, Jharkhand, India

Feature

Dreaming of a Tumpoun Centre in Laen Kren



By Kong Kea, IPS Asia-Pacific for the ILO

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People is marked on 9 August every year. Por Mach is a member of the Tumpoun tribe in Cambodia. As a 46-year-old widow with six children, it was hard to earn enough to live. But with the help of the ILO's [Creative Industry Support Programme](#), she improved her weaving skills and products which increased her income. [Click for more.](#)

Look Ahead

Green Jobs in Asia Regional Conference

A tripartite regional workshop to discuss the Green Jobs in Asia (GJA) Project, highlighting successful approaches, areas for improvement and ways forward will be held 29-31 August in Surabaya, Indonesia. Representatives of GJA and others with green jobs experience from Bangladesh, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand will share their experiences. [Click for more.](#)

Calendar

[Project on Ways out of Informality: Facilitating Formalization of Informal Economy in Nepal:](#)
- [Knowledge Sharing](#), 15 August, Kathmandu
- [Planning Workshop](#), 16 August, Kathmandu

[National Tripartite Workshop on the Introduction of Employment Injury Insurance Scheme in Sri Lanka](#)
23-24 August, Colombo, Sri Lanka

[Training on Achieving Education for All and Eliminating Child Labour in Nepal](#)
26-30 August, Kathmandu, Nepal

[Regional Seminar on Emerging Trends in Collective Bargaining During Times of Crisis](#)
24-26 September, Beijing, China

Bookshelf

[Trade and employment in services: the case of Indonesia](#) - [pdf] & [Bahasa Indonesia]

Jakarta: ILO, 2012, 67 pp.

This study examines the importance of the services sector and associated government policies on employment in Indonesia. It focuses on international trade and investment in services, international migration, and policies affecting employment in service sector trade agreements.

[CHANGE: an executive overview](#) [pdf]; [Instituting CHANGE in the workplace](#) [pdf]; [Communicating CHANGE manual](#) [pdf] & [Measuring CHANGE](#) [pdf]

Manila: ILO, 2012

A set of tools designed to help managers and workers create workplace-based interventions that promote healthy lifestyles.



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